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Tank driver shocked after he levels desert camp

By IRWIN FISHER

An Egyptian soldier drove a tank over a desert encampment thinking it was a mirage!

Now Pvt. Abdel Sabry and the Egyptian military are being sued by nomad Shafi Nafei, who wants $5,000 to pay for seven tents and 22 goats that were squashed by the Soviet-made T-62 tank.

"They killed my goats. They destroyed my tents. And they almost killed me," Nafei, 50, told reporters in Alexandria.

"The army is supposed to protect property, not destroy it. I want them to pay for what I lost."

Pvt. Sabry, 21, doesn't deny that he leveled Nafei's encampment when he barreled through the tents and livestock in the dark.

But he said he is not responsible for the accident because he had been on maneuvers for two weeks — and had been behind the wheel of the tank for two days and a night.

"My partner was ill and I had to do all the driving," he said. "I had been seeing all sorts of things that weren't really there.

"The tents and livestock looked just like a mirage," he said.

Nafei is aware of the soldier's excuse but he won't buy it.

"Do I look like a mirage?" he asked reporters. "What about my wife and children and relatives? There were 22 of us in the camp and the sun was still high when the tank came through.

"May Allah help us if the Egyptian army doesn't know the difference between flesh and blood people and a mirage that isn't even there."

Army spokesman Mahmoud Al Shahed would neither confirm nor deny reports that the Egyptian military is working on an out-of-court settlement with Nafei. "Our legal department is reviewing the situation right now," he said.

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Gunman warns doc: No more AIDS patients — or else!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A man shoved a submachine gun into a doctor's face and threatened to blow her away — unless she stopped treating AIDS victims.

It was the second time in two weeks the punk had threatened Dr. Nancy Seddio, who runs a 30-bed AIDS clinic at a Brooklyn, N.Y., hospital.

Dr. Seddio, 34, refused to discuss the incident with The NEWS but cops said she was accosted by the gunman and another man on a stairway of another hospital.

"You're going to die a slow, painful death," the gunman told the frightened doctor, shoving the submachine gun in her face.

He told the terrified doctor the world would be better off if AIDS patients were left to die, said a New York City police spokesman.

"They were going to make an example out of her so that other doctors would be afraid to treat AIDS patients," said the spokesman.

The gunman's accomplice said nothing, but sneered at the frightened doctor.

Dr. Seddio was unharmed in the incident. Police have made no arrests in the case.

The gunman threatened Dr. Seddio, but the first time he didn't have a gun.

The doctor also has received threatening phone calls, cops said.

Both men were stocky and more than six feet tall. They were between 35 and 40. Police have made no arrests in the case.

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'My home is a madhouse but I love children,' says proud papa

Superdad has 497 kids!

. . . and 126 wives!

By JOE BERGER

Wrinkled Romeo Harry Njoroge has fathered a fantastic 497 kids during his lusty lifetime. But now, at 69, hardworking Harry is taking up birth control — because he thinks his family has reached the ideal size!

"I have all the children I want now," said the satisfied superpop. "It is very difficult running such a large household.

"Any more little ones and things would start to get out of hand."

The Don Juan farmer became a father for the first time at 17, shortly after tying the knot with his first wife Sumi in the village of Karuli, Kenya.

Since then, passionate Harry's had an average of nearly 10 new offspring a year — with the help of 126 willing wives!

"It seems I just kept asking women to marry me and they just kept saying yes," said the amorous oldster. "Whenever we

SUPERDAD Harry Njoroge

like beer. The more you drink, the more you want. And they never seemed to mind how many other wives I had as long as I could provide for all of them."

Happy-go-lucky Harry decided early on that he wanted a man-size family.

"I love children," he said. "As soon as I started having them, I knew I wanted many, many of them.

"Maybe at first I didn't think 497, but soon I realized that was the perfect number."

The daddy deluxe lives with his colossal clan — including 96 grandchildren — in a circle of huts and nobody knows supporting them with the money he makes cultivating corn and cashew nuts.

"Anybody who thinks their home is like a madhouse should visit us sometime, especially at mealtime," said the proud patriarch. "I think then they will be thankful they don't have 719 mouths to feed like I do."

Married Harry admits that, as much as he loves his present brood, his domestic life does have its drawbacks. "It's nice having 126 wives who love you," he says. "But it's not so nice when all those mothers-in-law come to visit you at once."

Check arrives — 57 years late

The Truesdale Funeral Home finally got paid for one of their funerals when they got a check in the mail — dated 57 years ago.

The $100 check was from a woman whose mother the Detroit mortuary had buried. The letter was postmarked Nov. 17, 1930, and bore a 2-cent stamp.

An official at the Kalamazoo Post Office from which the letter was mailed explained the delay:

"We probably moved some equipment that's been there 50 years, and they found a letter under it."

Road crew paints right over possum in highway

This poor possum didn't stand a chance. The little fellow tried to cross a Cincinnati, Ohio, street and got flattened by a car. Then along came a road crew — and painted a double yellow line right over his lifeless body! But that's the way it is when you live and die in the fast lane.

Cops find suitcase full of snakes

French customs officials recoiled in shock and disbelief when they checked a man's leather suitcases and found almost a hundred lizards, turtles and snakes!

The man, who was not iden-

cials importing endangered species, which he allegedly procured in Mali.

His luggage, which contained rare lizards, 64 pythons, three vipers and 20 turtles was taken to a major zoo in Paris.

Beauty queen blasts contests!

Blonde beauty Michelle Anderson made a hit at the Miss California pageant when she sashayed down the runway in a sexy dress — and pulled a banner from her bodice denouncing beauty contests!

BLONDE PULLS PROTEST BANNER OUT OF HER DRESS AT PAGEANT

Now she's dodging criticism from angry contest organizers and participants and basking in praise from women's libbers.

And she's looking forward to a normal life again, without having to worry about her "Barbie Doll" looks.

"It's scary to be a Barbie Doll," Michelle, 21, told The NEWS. "I can see how women use their beauty to get ahead. It's very seductive in getting people to pay attention to you.

"But it's not a permanent power and it's not real power. And some day, with age, it will be gone."

The pretty contestant from Santa Cruz, Calif., had spent 18 months as a "spy," going undercover for the Lib Miss California pageant so she could proclaim her views before a vast audience.

She says her time in competition was an ordeal, a trying experience she is glad to have behind her.

She had to learn how to walk properly and how to sing. She went on a diet and lost 30 pounds. She learned to apply makeup, do her hair and respond charmingly to questions. And she invested more than $3,000 making herself presentable.

Finally, during the grand finale song performance at the end of the Miss California contest, Michelle made her point. She pulled a silk banner from her blue dress and marched toward the front of the stage. "Pageants Hurt All People," the hand-lettered sign said.

"All the girls were whispering, 'What is she doing? Get back here!' But I just kept walking," Michelle recalled.

"I learned I am more powerful than I thought I was.

"I have the strength to go against social constraints. I have a voice and I can change things."

— SUSAN JAMISON

PRETTY Michelle Anderson surprised officials at the Miss California pageant with her impromptu protest.

TILT-A-PHONE

Leonard Sadler stretches out and calls someone from a Miami pay phone that had been knocked over by a runaway car.

Bizarre disease makes mom evil

Mothers who physically mistreat their children may be suffering from a disease that makes them do it, say experts.

Munchausen's Syndrome is a psychological condition that causes women to harm their kids while trying to induce the symptoms of a legitimate illness.

In one shocking example, a 23-year-old woman from Manchester, England, tried to suffocate her child, apparently to mimic the symptoms of a lung disease.

The woman received probation on the condition that she undergo psychiatric counseling for her mental illness, reports said.

Motorist runs over boy who hit him with water balloon, say cops

A vengeful motorist ran over a boy with his car, cops said, because the youngster threw a water balloon at him.

"He was mad and he tried to kill me," said the 14-year-old kid. "Before I knew it, I was under the car."

The boy said he and his buddies were passing cars near their home in Loveland, Colo. One of them hit the man's car.

The boys tried to run away through a fence and channel, then across a field.

After running over the boy, cops said the motorist took the

got his license tag number.

Timothy Grimes, 20, was charged with vehicular assault.

Scientists view haunting pictures sent from the dying planet

Stone face on Mars beams TV warning to Earth

MILLIONS mesmerized, center of photo, watch the Martian television transmitter that has been sending the Earth stark images of a long-dead civilization. Scientists who have seen the nightmarish pictures beamed from the gigantic face say they were made by a race having a deadly plague.

By RAGAN DUNN

A gigantic stone face on the surface of Mars houses a TV transmitter that has been signaling Earth for at least 500,000 years.

That's the claim of Swiss astronomer Ludin Pasche, who says the ancient but ongoing Martian signal presents a grim warning to the people of Earth.

"The programming is a chilling look at a civilization in total decline," the expert told reporters in Zurich. "It shows thousands and thousands of wretched souls dying in the streets. It is nothing short of a doomsday warning — recorded and beamed to a neighboring planet. We must take heed!

"The suggestion is that the planet had been stricken with a deadly plague. These people are thin and bloated and very sick.

"At the very least they are dying of hunger and thirst. It is a horrifying thing to see."

Dr. Pasche claims to be one of 50 scientists worldwide who have seen the mind-boggling Martian television transmissions.

He says that Soviet and American scientists have been monitoring the fuzzy black-and-white signals for more than two years, but have less than 90 seconds worth of clear, undistorted pictures on videotape.

"The signal is weak but constant, which is a miracle because the transmitter is at least half a million years old," he said.

"It is housed within the great stone face photographed by America's Viking probe in 1976.

"And it proves that the face is not a trick of nature or light, as some have said, but genuinely the work of a lost race which once dominated the planet.

"The face itself is clearly that of a humanoid, with eyes, nose, mouth and chin," Dr. Pasche continued.

"The side-long movement also appears to be wearing a helmet. Many of the humanoids in the videotape are wearing helmets, too."

American and Soviet space officials would neither confirm nor deny Dr. Pasche's report.

Privately, however, they acknowledged that Dr. Pasche has worked closely with both. Dr. Lars-Thor Carlsson, the noted Swedish astronomer, also claims to have knowledge of the Martian TV signal.

And he flatly stated that the Russians' unmanned space probe, launched last month is specially equipped to receive and record the Martian transmissions at their source for re-broadcast back to a scientific team on Earth.

"Contrary to what the public has been led to believe, that is the probe's prime mission for being," he said. "The lost Martian civilization will remain a mystery until we receive its message clearly.

"Let us all hope that we can learn from what we hear and see."

Face-shaped Mars rock is a puzzler

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Unusual formations on the surface of Mars, including a mile-long rock shaped like a human face, may have been carved by a lost civilization — or maybe not, four scientists said.

NEWSPAPERS throughout the world have carried stories of the mysterious monument.

Doomsday images are 500,000 years old!

CREEPS KICK BLIND DAD TO DEATH

By DICK DONOVAN

Soft-spoken 36-year-old father of two Ernie King was beaten and kicked to death by four cowardly brutes who didn't give a tinker's damn that their helpless victim was deaf and blind.

His studies at San Jose State University when the savage thugs attacked him.

King, who suffered multiple skull fractures, was pronounced dead on arrival at Santa Cruz Memorial Hospital.

Yuppies spark bourbon boom

Fashion-conscious professionals are tired of wine coolers and Corona beer, according to a new survey that found young professionals are drinking bourbon these days.

The study found that Jim Beam is now the favorite beverage among yuppies.

COPS have charged Richard Debeishians with murder

Man shoots wife and stashes her body in the bathtub, say cops

Richard Debeishianc shot his wife, cops say, but he did not know what to do with her corpse — so he stashed it in the bathtub for two weeks while he and his buddies partied in the next room.

By SUSAN JIMISON

His neighbors thought the stench in the Navy man's apartment had something to do with a sewage backup, but a friend of the Norfolk, Va., man finally learned the horrible truth and called police.

"She'd been in there for two weeks and the body was very badly decomposed," said Sgt. Danny Williams of the Norfolk Police Department. "Debeishians and his friends were discussing what to do with the body. They didn't know, so they just left it in the tub."

Williams said the bathroom door had a sign on it that said "Sewage backed up. Don't enter." The man told his neighbors that the toilet was broken, he said.

"There was a domestic dispute and he shot her," Williams told The NEWS. "Debeishians has been charged with murder and the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony."

According to authorities, Debeishians, 24, shot his wife to death with a handgun during an argument on May 31. The woman, 21-year-old Kimberly Debeishians, was the mother of his 15-month-old daughter, who was staying with a neighbor at the time of the killing, police said.

Debeishians told friends and neighbors that his wife had left him, police say. He asked his neighbor to keep on caring for his daughter, Amy.

"I said, 'Why?' and he told me he thought Kim was making plans to go back to her parents in South Carolina and he was going to follow her," recalled the neighbor, Darlene Bell. "He came back and told my boyfriend that Kim had checked herself into a mental hospital. He was all torn up."

As the odor of his wife's corpse leaked from the bathroom, neighbors started getting concerned. Some thought it was garbage, others believed Debeishians's story. Meanwhile, the sailor entertained friends in his apartment, drinking with buddies while he discussed how to get rid of his problem, police say. When they needed to use the bathroom, they asked Mrs. Bell if they could use hers, the woman said.

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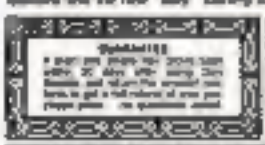

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An adorable baby named Mauro has been rescued by police after a money-hungry old woman contacted childless couples and offered to sell him to the highest bidder!

The 2-month-old infant is being cared for by hospital nurses while authorities try to locate his mother. But the old lady charged in the baby-selling scheme says his mom is a prostitute who wants nothing to do with him.

"Fortunately, we discovered it in time," said Carmelita Cavallo, an official in Naples, Italy, who is overseeing the baby's care. "Such a sad story, but not an isolated case. We'll find a couple to adopt him so he can have a peaceful and secure future."

Cops rescue infant from creep's auction block!

According to police, the bizarre baby-selling incident first came to light when a couple tried to legally adopt Mauro after paying $8,000 for him to an "intermediary" named Lucia Ruggiero.

The couple went to court to register the child in their name and a suspicious judge ordered an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the adoption. The childless man and woman said they had been told the adoption was legal and revealed that they had paid a high price for the child to Mrs. Ruggiero, 62.

They said the old lady had told them she knew the baby's mother and that the mother could not keep her child. She said the mother had instructed her to act as intermediary in finding a suitable home.

"Do you want the baby?" the couple said Mrs. Ruggiero had asked them. "I want $8,000 for him. Another couple has offered $6,000.

"You have to decide soon. I get lots of people contacting me who would spend thousands of dollars to have a baby like this. Look how pretty he is. He's extremely healthy."

Authorities believe Mrs. Ruggiero heads one of several rings in Naples who are involved in selling babies. They say the woman contacts prostitutes and urges them not to have abortions, but to have babies — for a price.

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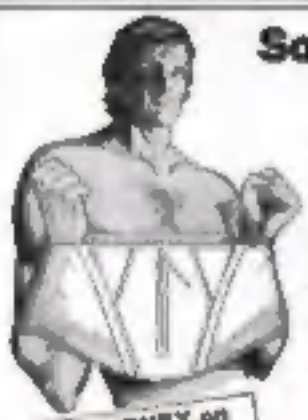

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Dead granny wakes up — at her own funeral!

Splashdown!

Little Heather Davis can't seem to aim the water toward her mouth but she doesn't mind. It's a hot day in Pompano Beach, Fla., and the cooling water feels great washing her sunsuit.

By JOE BERGER

Teary-eyed townsfolk mourning the death of lovable granny Grace Shitto ran from the mortuary screaming in horror — when amazing Grace suddenly sat straight up in her casket!

Now the easygoing oldster's friends and relatives are so certain she's an evil spirit they won't go anywhere near her.

She raises up in her coffin and mourners flee in terror!

"She was dead — the doctors said so — and now she's alive again," her superstitious sister Margaret told reporters in Gweru, Zimbabwe.

"There is something very wrong there."

Hospital officials said sweet-natured Grace, 69, had been dying with cancer for some time. When she fell into a deep sleep one night, a bumbling doctor mistakenly pronounced her dead.

"When they told us my sister was gone, we had her body taken to the mortuary and immediately began plans for the funeral," mumbled Margaret penitently.

"Three of the men began butchering a goat and a cow for the funeral feast and the rest of us went to the funeral home to be with poor Grace. It was a very sad occasion."

More than a score of grief-stricken friends and kinfolk were crowded into a small mortuary room exchanging condolences when the dearly departed suddenly stirred, sighed — and sat bolt upright in her coffin.

"People shrieked and ran out of there like someone was shooting at them," said undertaker Ogden Jones. "You

might expect them to be overjoyed with this unexpected turn of events, but they were too terrified to be happy."

Dumbfounded funeral home workers rushed Ben revived mom back to the hospital, where doctors say her cancer now appears to be in remission.

"My death and my rising from the dead has baffled everyone," bragged good-natured Grace. "I may live forever now."

Teenager says he's a doctor and tricks pal's mom into 'love' test

A prank-playing 14-year-old schoolboy allegedly tricked a classmate's domineering mother into having sex with him by claiming he was a doctor giving her a test for cancer.

The outrageous incident happened near Stafford, England, where the fast-talking boy is being tried for rape and indecent assault.

Prosecutors said the 48-year-old woman and most of those didn't suspect anything even though the boy rode up to her home on his bike wearing his school uniform.

Conditions the jury's initial reaction would be that this

no for her. She believed everything she was told," said the prosecutor.

"The woman is simple in the extreme, a person of very low intelligence."

According to the prosecution, the boy learned that the woman had recently visited the doctor for a cervical smear test. He phoned her, claiming he was a doctor, and said she might have cancer. He told her the only way to check was to have sex. Then, he pedalled his bike to her home.

"She didn't like what was happening, but allowed it to happen because she believed

Henpecked husband lasted 27 years before he cracked

Ice-cold love life turns wimpy hubby into a killer!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Wimpy druggist Stanley Tvarian suffered through 27 sex-starved years of humiliating abuse from his domineering wife until he finally exploded — and killed her.

Browbeaten Stanley was not allowed to sleep in the same room with his wife Joan because she couldn't tolerate his breathing. They had sex only five or six times in 27 years.

Testimony about the couple's troubled marriage was revealed during sentencing in Rockland, Maine, where Tvarian was given five years in prison for manslaughter.

Tvarian told neighbors his bitchy 47-year-old wife hit him with tirades. threw hot soup in his face and nagged him constantly.

She was like a shrink, said defense lawyer Elliot Levine. "She kept guiding at him," he said.

She was "an unhappy, dissatisfied person ... who took out her unhappiness on him," psychologist Dr. Carol Remsberg testified. Their daughter, Karen, told the court she loved her father and "cannot hate" her mother.

Dr. Robinson said Tvarian is "a kind, considerate, gentle, passive man ... who always repressed and denied feelings of anger."

But the circuit breaker that controlled that anger broke in the summer of 1988 when Tvarian's wife said she was leaving him for a priest — and taking $30,000 with her to buy a love nest.

The mild-mannered hubby went berserk and pitched his wife to her bedroom. He held a plastic bag over her face until she was dead. Then he tidied up the bedroom before police arrived.

Tvarian pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, but the judge suspended all but five years of the sentence. "I'm sorry it happened," said the hapless hubby. "I will never forgive myself."

"I hate my wife."

His wife slept in another room because she couldn't stand to hear him breathe

WIFE KILLER Stanley Tvarian says his wife beat him up, poured hot soup on him and nagged him constantly.

Moms are 1 in a million

By JOE BERGER

Proud moms Theresa Marciano and Toni Ann Taunton gave birth to babies in the same hospital just hours apart in 1963 — then gave a million-to-one repeat performance five years later!

Theresa and Toni were total strangers till they wound up chasing away from adjacent beds at a Valley Stream, N.Y., hospital in 1963.

The expectant moms had their babies within hours of each other on that occasion. And they reminisced pals when they left the hospital.

But a 1968 encore seemed highly unlikely, even when the delighted ladies got pregnant again at approximately the same time.

Theresa and Toni's docs pooh-poohed the odds of the baby coming. Theresa said.

But when Theresa phoned Toni from the hospital to announce that her baby's arrival was imminent, Toni started feeling labor pains of her own.

Within hours, the ladies — who live two miles apart on Long Island — were giving an instant replay of their 1963 performance.

The result: James Robert Taunton, weighing 9 pounds and 8 ounces, and Nicho-

Shocking reason why Victoria Principal refuses to return to series

PAM THINKS 'DALLAS' IS DEAD

FIERY — Actress Victoria Principal says "Dallas" is no longer TV's best show

Victoria Principal — who shot from Nowheresville to fame and fortune thanks to her role on *Dallas* — says she won't return to the super soap because the show has had it!

"It was the best thing on American television for its first five years, but let's just say that it didn't age gracefully," says Vicki, who played prim and pretty Pam Ewing on the popular series.

FIRST FAMILY — Victoria Principal, second from left, was one of the original members of the Ewing family when

Vicki was far from a successful actress when she luckily nabbed the role as wife of Bobby Ewing, J.R.'s nice brother, on the series that was to make TV history. She ended up being voted the world's most beautiful woman by TV viewers here and in Europe and raked in a fortune thanks to the success of the show.

Now, after leaving the series last year, she feels big enough to bite the hand that fed her.

Vicki claims that she's turned down big bucks to return and stories that she's coming back to the show are put out by Dallas producers desperate to boost ratings.

"I can only assume it's in the best interest of the Dallas people to spread

Beauty says studio [illegible] to get her back

stars as projected. She reluctantly gave up her starring role and producing a TV movie called Inadmissible Evidence and has

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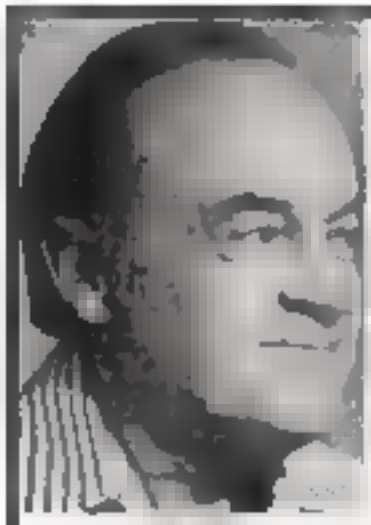


Bob Hope

Bob hopes the Prez will star with him in new flick

President Reagan's old buddy Bob Hope reportedly has a job waiting for Ronnie when he gets out of the White House next year — in star in a "Road" picture with the former honcho.

"We're going to do another 'Road' movie," jokester Bob told New Zealand reporters at plans he had for himself and his old movie partner Dorothy Lamour.

But when Bob's "Road" buddy Bing Crosby has passed away, reporters asked who would fill that role.

"Ronald Reagan," Bob reportedly replied.

Journalists swear that the 63-year old funny guy wasn't joking. "He was serious. We treated it as a joke at first, but he wasn't laughing," said one reporter.

A source close to Bob says the comedian is full of surprises.

"Bob is an amazing man. Nothing he does would surprise me," said the source.

Does that mean the Prez will soon be getting in and out of jeeps in funny places with Bob while the other wife Dorothy sits in the other to music "Road" movies?

"Mr. Reagan has not said what he is going to do," said a White House spokesperson. — *Longing Daily Mirror*

Ronald Reagan

that made her a big star. — *Cincinnati Enquirer and New York Daily News*

★ ★ ★

Tinseltown's legendary lover-boy Warren Beatty is dickering for the rights to star in a flick about a guy who doesn't know which end is up when it comes to romance.

Ah, dubiously, now a hot play on Broadway, is the tale of a diplomat who falls madly in love and carries on a 30-year fling with a beautiful star of China's Peking Opera Company.

Only the hitch is the beauty is really a guy, a transvestite, who managed to fool the diplomat all those years.

Sound far-fetched? It's based on a real incident. — *Austin American Statesman*

★ ★ ★

M*A*S*H star Loretta Swit went to Seoul, Korea, to shoot a pre-Olympics special and was outraged when she visited the city's market and found cute little puppies and kittens being slaughtered and sold for food.

One cuddly little pup pressed its nose against the cage and whined as poor Loretta tried to helplessly.

"It had obviously been someone's pet and there was nothing I could do to save its life," says the gal who is a big animal rights activist. — *London Daily Mirror*

★ ★ ★

TV's Miss Hawaiian Stacy Kamoh is tackling the bulge he put on to play famed writer Ernest Hemingway on TV, but he says his toughest battle was his past addiction to that evil cane candy cocaine.

"I was absolutely hooked," recalls Stacy of the habit that caused him to spend a short term in an English prison.

"I couldn't make a move without cocaine.

"Making sure I had enough to get through the day had become the most important thing in my life," he says. — *Boston Globe*

★ ★ ★

Dynasty beauty Linda Evans keeps a well-stocked bar at her posh Hawaiian home — providing you're not a big boozer.

Health-loving Linda has installed five-gallon tanks to hold carrot, celery and fruit juices. Each tank has a spigot for easy dispensing.

"Anyone who wants a drink has to squeeze it themselves," she says. — *Star*

★ ★ ★

What happens when you're Superman and you accidentally lock yourself out of your car?

If you're Christopher Reeve, the man who electrocuted to stardom as the man of steel, you call the cops. Poor suffered Chris jumped his keys in his rented car and had to be saved by Officer Art Beam of the Thomasson, Maine, police department. Chris thanked Art and gave him an autograph for his help. — *Palm Beach Post*

★ ★ ★

A clever cat burglar known as the Elburn Cripple outwitted security guards and knocked over the London house being rented by superstar Harrison Ford, who's on location shooting his latest feature *Jones Epic*

Handsome Harrison roused the alarm on the crook when he spotted the guy trying to sneak his way into the house next door.

Only later, did the big screen hunk learn that the sneaky thief had managed to steal away with some of his wife's gems.

The lost jewels were estimated worth $75,000. — *London Daily Mirror*

★ ★ ★

Elvis' daughter Lisa Marie Presley is reportedly learning the value of those millions! The King left her by working as a filing clerk in an L.A. office for $130 a week.

Good for you, Lisa Marie! — *London Star*

★ ★ ★

Bruce Willis' bald-raising image is going to hell.

Bonnie Bedelia, who costars with the thirtysomething dude in his new action-flick *Die Hard*, says Bruce was a dream to work with.

"He's not what I expected at all," confides Bonnie.

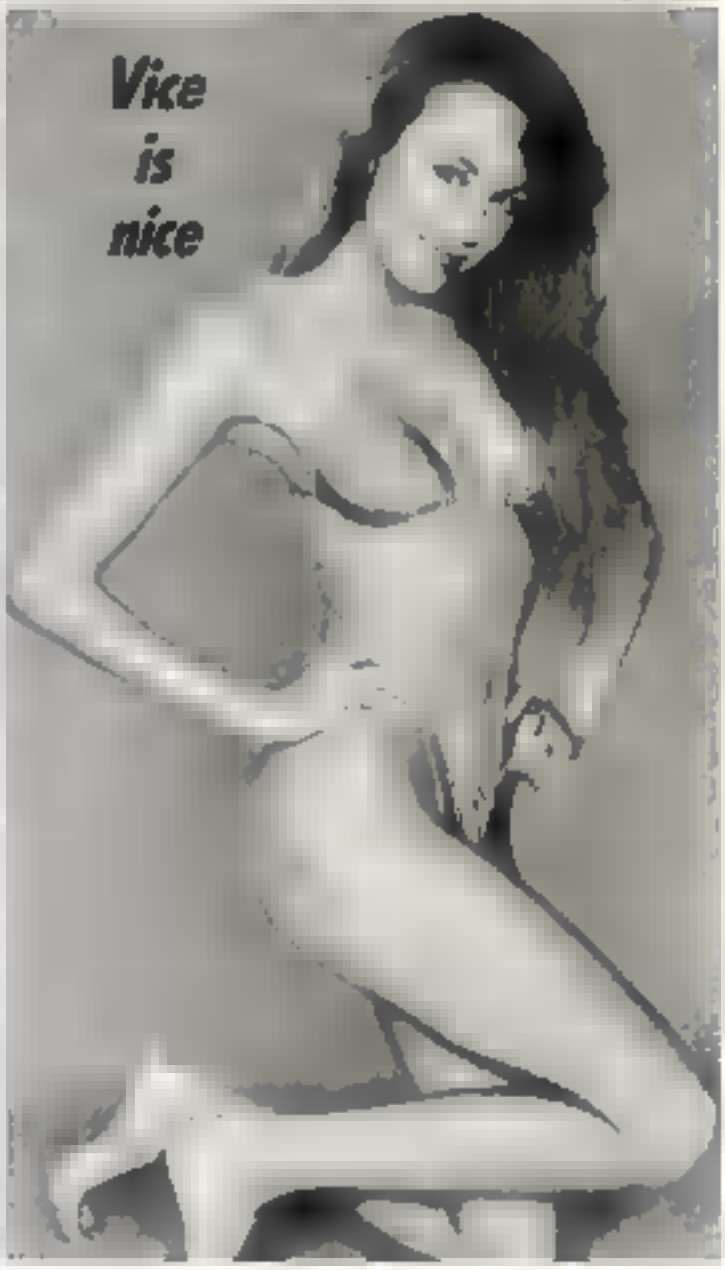
"He keeps to himself. He's a very quiet kind of guy.

"He really worked very hard, asked a lot of questions that should have been asked.

"I loved working with him. He's lovely."

Looks like marriage and expectant daddy-hood has mellowed Bruce. —

Movie 'Superman' calls cop to help him out of a jam



Leggy movie Gal Whitman is thrilled to have guested on TV's hot "Miami Vice" show recently. The sexy sizzling beauty also appeared on episodes of "MacGyver"

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During strange encounter on English moor, ex-cop takes . . .

Amazing photo of space alien!

By HENRY WEBER

A former police officer took a blurred but dramatic photo of a space alien as it jogged across a British moor!

The cop said the tiny creature had long arms, big ears, enormous eyes, smooth green skin and was naked, although no private parts were visible.

He also said that the extraterrestrial saw him, stopped and waved after he snapped the picture.

It was as if to say "Go away." The police man, who requested anonymity, told reporters in Leigh, England.

UFO researchers there say the ex-officer, who has investigated UFO sightings for years, called the photograph real and the cop's report clearly strong evidence that extraterrestrial creatures are visiting and studying our planet.

The man was later seen [illegible] and published seven more photos of the mind-boggling encounter.

According to Rules, the cop was about 75 yards away from the alien when he first noticed it.

After snapping a picture with the last frame of film in his camera, he followed the creature and watched it climb

ACTUAL photo of space alien jogging across an English moor was taken by a former policeman

ARTIST'S drawing is based on descriptions of tiny extraterrestrial who flew off in a saucer-shaped UFO

Bug-eyed creature waved & ran away

into a 40-ft.-diameter [illegible] about 60 feet long.

The last thing he saw re[illegible] was the craft taking off [illegible] making a loud humming noise and disappearing into the sky. [illegible] the encounter.

The cop then walked to a nearby village on a date. His watch had stopped at 6:30 p.m. — but it was 10:30. And his police colleagues had reported [illegible] police.

British aviation officials refuse to say whether the alien's UFO was picked up on radar. But Rules says that highly placed sources told him that it was.

His revelations [illegible]

Gal still can't figure out why 'wimpette' shot her

By RAFE BLINGER

The shapely blonde beauty who survived after being gunned down on the street in broad daylight by her berserk, pint-size ex-boss says she's still puzzled over the attack.

"I just don't know what happened," sighed Kimberly Ann-Marie Bearle, 19, "All I feel bad about is that my life was so horrible that he had to kill himself."

The 36-22-36 blonde described her 24-year-old boss Jack Rapland as a small man — shorter than her 5-foot-2 — who was nicknamed "the wimpette" for his lack of toughness in business deal[illegible]

After shooting her three times, Rapland drove to his home where he fatally shot himself.

Robber wears beer carton as disguise

A crook held up a cash-filled store after cleverly disguising himself — by wearing an empty beer carton on his head.

Along with two accomplices, the man entered a Big Top Mart in Dubuque, Iowa, armed with a tire wrench. He was sporting the carton with holes cut in it for his eyes, while his companions wore handkerchiefs over their faces.

Officials didn't say how much the robbers got away with

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AFTER LIFETIME OF GLAMOR AND [illegible]

High society beauty's tragic fate

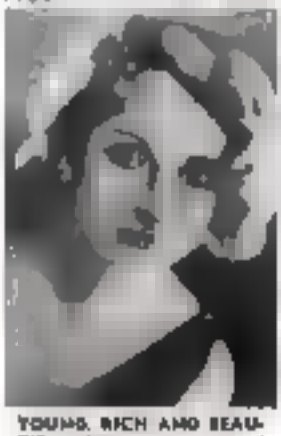
SAD END: Georgia heiress Edith Rothschild (arrow) on ground in this overcoat but said authorities removed her from her filthy apartment

By SUSAN JAMISON

In her youth Edith Rothschild was a honey-haired beauty, a German heiress whose life in Manhattan brought her riches and the admiration of high society.

Today, she's a shadow of her former self, neighbors say, a senile old lady so down on her luck that New York City social workers had to invade her trash-riddled apartment and take over her care.

The 83-year-old woman refused to let anyone into her once-elegant home, until authorities got an emergency order forcing her to open her door. What they saw was a shocking prison where the old woman had lived the life of a recluse.



YOUNG, RICH AND BEAUTIFUL: Edith Rothschild lived like royalty in the 1920s.

Shattered old lady rescued from garbage-filled home

The story of her battle with reversal with debris in her bedroom, chunks of the ceiling had fallen to the carpet below. Her bed was stained and filthy, her clothing in rags.

Neighbors say they remember her when Mrs. Rothschild lived in splendor on her apartment house. They recall the days when she wrapped herself in diamonds and furs and collected oil paintings.

They say she used to travel to Vienna frequently to keep up with friends she left behind when she came to America in 1938.

As the years passed, the wealthy aged old dropped out of sight. Recently, other tenants in the building began to worry that she had fallen victim to evil caretakers who were using her home as a crack den. They reported her plight to social services officials who investigated and intervened.

Authorities refused to say what they will do for the woman now that they have cleaned up her apartment.

[illegible] make living sweeping streets for gold

By IRWIN FISHER

Impoverished Indians spend their days scouring the filth-caked streets of Calcutta, the world's poorest city — searching for gold!

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Incredibly, they often find it — tiny flecks of glitter that have blown out of jewelry workshops or fallen off goldsmiths' clothes.

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In fact, during Hindu festivals when people buy loads of gold jewelry, a hard-working goldsweeper can earn the equivalent of $200 a week.

That's not to say they're not things

TAKING A BREAK: Calcutta's hy-

WIFE SPEARED

A farmer waiting to ambush a gang of robbers hurled his spear when he heard noises — and accidentally killed one of his two wives.

Joseph Mkuku was trying to get a step up the cattle thief, according to police in the village of Isiolangulaiwa, Kenya.

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Perfect couple to call it quits in perfect divorce

We're still friends but all good things must end, say 1987's Couple of the Year

By JOE BIGGS

Starry-eyed sweethearts Adrian and Debbie Geyer were crowned Britain's most perfect couple just 12 months ago. Now the marriage made in heaven is about to be demolished — in a divorce court!

"It wasn't some big lie. We truly had an absolutely ideal marriage," the appointed Debbie told reporters in Torquay, England.

"But unfortunately, all good things have to end — including things as wonderful as this."

The loving lovers were voted the country's Couple of the Year in 1987 after telling judges an inspiring story of [illegible]

"We were so broke when we married eight years ago that we had to live in a tent — a very small tent," Adrian recalled.

"But our love kept us together, plugging away for a better life."

By saving every penny he could get his hands on, ambitious Adrian managed to open a dry-cleaning business.

Before long, determined Debbie had her own catering firm. And between the two of them, the money started rolling in.

In a few short years, the lovers traded their tent for a [illegible] mansion with a tennis court, swimming pool and a sleek new car!

But after conquering the world, they were no longer a couple of the Year. The dynamic duo decided to call it quits. And neither of them can explain exactly why.

"We are still the best of friends," said Debbie, 35.

"Adrian is understanding, sympathetic, generous, good looking with a brilliant sense of humor.

"He would make any woman a great partner. But we've decided to live apart to pursue our own interests.

"Adrian spends more and more time yachting, and I'm building up my fast-food franchise."

They insist no new love spurred them to split the sheets.

"There's no way I could ever find someone to compare to Debbie," says adoring Adrian.

"She's a very super, very special woman.

"We're like Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor. They couldn't live together and they couldn't stand being apart."

LOVEBIRDS Adrian and Debbie Geyer in a photo taken when they were crowned Britain's Couple of the Year in 1987. Now the couple plan to end it all in divorce court.

Crafty Iranians

It may get fly, but rug-makers in Iran have produced a fantastic carpet.

The Persian rug took 11 years to weave, features 1,300 shades of color and contains 25 million knots. Made in Kirman, the fabulous rug was dedicated to a grandson of the [illegible]

Boy shoots pal — and stashes body in his bedroom, cops say

By JACK ALEXANDER

A 10-year-old boy accidentally shot a playmate, stashed the corpse in his bedroom and kept his grisly secret for a week until his mom discovered the body, cops say.

The traumatized youngster said he panicked after shooting Jason Powell, 10, in the head and hid the body out of fear.

"The boy said it was an accident," said Rockwall, Tex., Police Chief Bruce Beaty. "He didn't know the gun was loaded. Everything checks out. You believe his story."

The youngster's horror when they discovered whether to play outside or inside said Beaty.

Jason was playing with a board game on the living room floor when he [illegible] got a 22-caliber handgun that belonged to his older brother.

"Jason was killed instantly when a bullet fired from the gun struck him on the top of the head," said Chief Beaty.

[illegible] crawl space beneath a closet, said Beaty.

"He cleaned up the bloodstains and told his mother he had spilled Kool-Aid on the [illegible] floor," said the chief.

The boy said nothing as neighbors and police searched a week for Jason. But his mother was curious about the putrid odor from her bedroom.

She thought her son's fish tank needed cleaning, but later realized the source of the odor, said Beaty. The shooting has been temporarily labeled

Terrified victim jumps out window to escape

Vampires attack man watching Dracula on TV!

A banker is suing a gang of 20 vampires who broke into his apartment and attacked him while he was watching a Dracula movie on TV!

Legal papers filed in Liege, Belgium, allege that Conrad Herman, 49, was bitten 26 times and broke three ribs when he leaped through a window to escape his assailants and landed on the sidewalk below.

The papers ask for unspecified damages in addition to criminal charges against the vampires.

By IRWIN FISHER

Herman reportedly told police that he managed to kill three of the vampires with a silver pencil before they retreated.

Detectives believe that Herman had just settled back to watch the movie when the vampires struck.

"We are not dealing with these vampires before," Police Lt. Hugo Zwegers told reporters.

If Mr. Herman had been able to kill six of them I am sure they would have taken the Sixth with them.

"This is a fight to the finish."

Bela Lugosi, left, played the legendary vampire in the classic movie Dracula. Christopher Lee played the role in the 1958 remake.

Injured in 'struggle,' Belgian bites vampires

NEWSPAPERS around the world reported an bizarre attack in Liege, Belgium.

THE TIGER WHO CAME TO TEA

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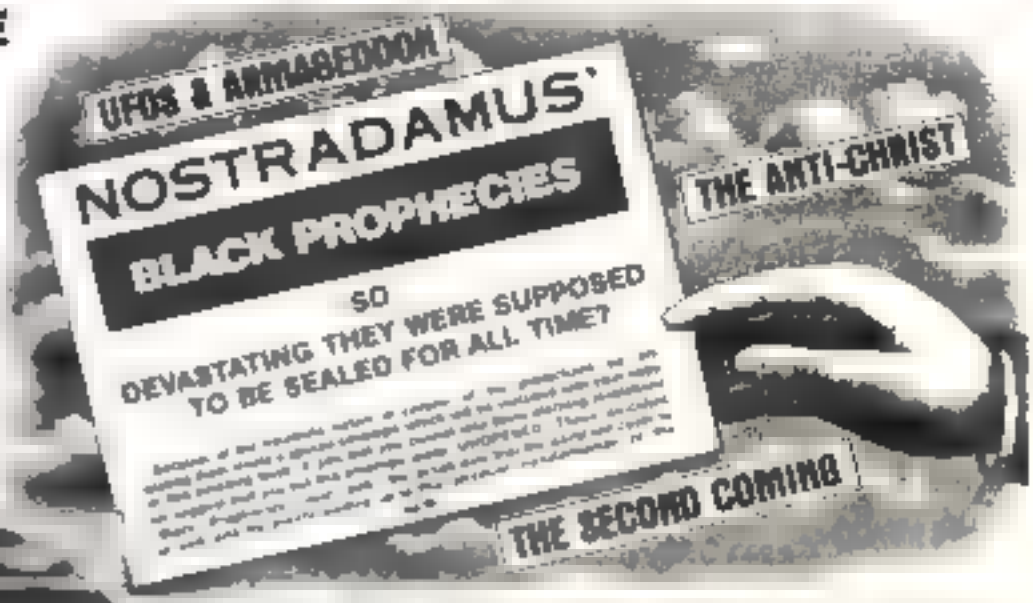

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And another 200 people were injured by the deadly bolts.

Overall, nine lightning strikes were responsible for a third of the people injured, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In one strike, 30 people were felled by a bolt when it hit a tree and then travelled to a metal gate where people were leaving a Chicago ball game.

Tweet, tweet, tweet, tw . . .

Oh, no! You bit my poor little birdie's head off

By JACK ALEXANDER

Hopping mad John McMahon was way past the point of tolerance when his sister's pet parakeet kept pestering him. He bit off its head.

McMahon, 41, told a Canadian judge he threatened the feathered pest with decapitation if it bit him again.

"I did and I did," said McMahon of London, Ontario.

His startled sister, Bonnie Mae Elder, testified that McMahon opened the bird's cage, grabbed the pet and chomped its head off. He threatened to kill his sister if she called the police.

McMahon was fined $500 after pleading guilty to decapitating the parakeet. He was fined another $300 for threatening bodily harm to his sister.

Amazing clothes can change color

An incredible new kind of cloth lets you change the color of your clothes as if by magic with just a simple wash.

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Hooray for the return of chastity belts!

Editors: So chastity belts are making a comeback here? (Weekly World News, July 5) I say it's about time.

Promiscuity is rampant in this country and all over the world. And aside from the moral corruption it represents, all the indiscriminate fornication has given us the scourge of AIDS, which actually threatens to wipe out mankind.

If every man in his wife with an old-fashioned chastity belt and took the key with him when he left home it would put an end to the unfaithfulness and give economists and doctors a fighting chance to get on top of AIDS before it gets on top of us. — C.H. Providence, R.I.

Speaking of AIDS, if you'll check, about the primary way AIDS is spread, you'll realize if U take a chastity belt with a secret new design to put the damage on that spread disease. — Editors

Address your letters to Editors, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Gas attack isn't funny

Editors: I think it's disgraceful the way you made light of that old woman who died of embarrassment after breaking wind in church. Why do your letters about an item like that make fun of other people's problems and tragedies? — G.G. Sarasota, Fla.

We weren't making fun of anybody. The poor old lady passed gas and passed away and we passed the news on to you. That's all. You may call that humorous or strange, but it's a fact of a funny story, isn't it? — Editors

Scorpion's sting won't kill you

Editors: I ask it's about time someone set the record straight. I always read your Weekly World News when my mother buys it as the more sensational it looks.

You had a story in your paper about a scorpion that crawled into a man's ear and you said when the scorpion stung him he would die.

My daddy says you're all wrong.

My daddy is a plumber and one of his customers gave him a scorpion in a glass cage and he gave it to me. My dad says scorpions can sting you but they can't kill you and the Weekly World News goofed. Did you? — B.B. New York City

Tell your dad to stick to unpoisonous insects and let us handle the scorpions. The fact is, there are several types of scorpions that are extremely deadly — and you should have more study what insects do and especially what kind of bug you've got skyrocketing around on that glass cage of yours. — Editors

Nobody needs a 6-foot worm

Editors: I read the story in the July 5 papers about the dangerously fighting to save the life of a six foot earthworm that had been attacked by a bird that story didn't say why. Why on the hell would somebody go to all that trouble to save the life of a worm? — P.S. Gainesville, Ohio

Whatever moves you? If you had a six foot earthworm wouldn't you want to save it? — Editors

Ants are a yummy snack

Editors: I read with great interest your story (WWN June 28) about the Chinese government telling people to eat more ants.

Being a connoisseur of ants myself, I was pleased that some governments are finally coming that ants have multi-talented value. I eat the crispy critters for snacks — instead of popcorn. They're very low in fat, high fiber and high protein.

Say, is there a recipe book you have? I noticed you mentioned breaded ant drinks and that's one recipe I'm dying to try! — D.T. Hollywood, Calif.

If you think you're dying now, wait till you actually eat that stuff.

Folks, you've been brought up on fish eyes and monkey brains and probably consider it a little square not to. But we're going to ask those getting our problem of the month. — Editors

Cat tells time with its eyes

Editors: My husband can't tell what time it is simply by looking into our cat's eyes. Will you put an end to this our story? — E.J. Lawrence, Kans.

Sorry. Chinese peasants have been doing that for centuries.

But the minute he sets up the ceremony of burning rocks in that kitty's eyes, give us a call. — Editors

My hubby's a time bomb but I don't know what makes him tick

Dear Dotti: Me and my husband of six months have been having a lot of problems lately. When we got married we were very happy and had a lot of fun together, but now the fun's all gone I can't figure out where he's coming from anymore.

He's the type who wants to give me every thing but he won't let me get anything and I am. But he doesn't want me to work because he thinks I'm going to flirt with other men. He gives me a hard time about things I should and shouldn't do and what to wear.

He blows up at little things, so I have to tiptoe on real careful ground when the pets are around sometimes.

He's not the same man I knew before we got married. He says he loves me but we have fights like he's never had before. I love him so much and don't want our marriage to end but what should I do? — Treated Like a Real Jerk

Dear Treated: Take a deep breath before making a 10-second long distance phone call to your self-help counselor and before he takes up dress — if he hasn't already.

Where can a guy dress like a gal?

Dear Dotti: I have been burning and want to make myself up to look like a woman. I've been doing this since I was 17 years old, and I've been wearing bras and dresses, too.

I think what I want and I plan on doing is to have a sex change operation. I've been saving money for it for a long time. I've been to a doctor and he told me what I have to do to get the operation.

I'm 5'11" and I'm afraid I'll look like a freak. Where can I go to get my clothes? — Confused

Dear Confused: Check the Yellow Pages under "Transvestite Supplies" and "Sex Change Operations." Then check your self-image.

I'm thinking about robbing the cradle

Dear Dotti: I'm a 26-year-old male bachelor. The other day I did the favor of the most beautiful woman I've ever laid eyes on. I knew right there and there I'd found the girl of my dreams at last. Every time we ever made contact up the hairs on my neck, we'd smile and touch and stuff like that.

When I found out this woman was only 14 years old I just about died. I couldn't believe this charming, mature woman could be only nine years old.

I love my parents always telling her not to. Since the names of the boys I've approached should I risk everything and tell her she's the prettiest girl I've ever met? — Trouble Supposed, Prince Edward Island

Dear Trouble Supposed: Don't have a case of the world's most petite pout (up to 6' pretty attracted up to your waist-line size).

The right girl is right enough to find with a two-bedroom cozy love nest. But it doesn't sound like you're professionally with her — Mixed Emotions

Fat woman is in love with me

Dear Dotti: I'm being chased by this real product of a fat girl. She lives across the street and there are a lot of girls who live in my house. I see the neighborhood book but I can handle those rulers. It's just the way she looks like a pregnant pig dressed in a halter top and shorts when walking by her self.

What do I do to make her quit chasing me so much? — The Fast Chaps For The Type

Dear The Fast Chaps: There ought to be a law.

She must be able to throw those shorts and halter tops away. Maybe you should tell her she's the prettiest girl you've ever met? — Editors

Confidential

Dear Self-Centered: Again in Europe. Pity. It's hard for a real woman to read your prose humiliating, but I did make out that you're not really a happy fella.

Dear Too Much Love in Augusta, Ga.: Pray your cheating jailbird will end up in the slammer again so you and the baby can get on with life.

Dear Lazy Slurp in Cleveland, Texas: Don't keep him a secret. Tell him to help his world class dumpster.

Dear Was He Faired in Manitoba, Canada: Tell your hang-glidance enterprise. They'll take him.

Dear Rated Wedded to Mixed Bread, N.J.: Your love affair would be a lot more exciting if you were married to Ben Franklin.

LOVELINES

To Joseph in Sweet Home, Oreg.: Where we married we bargain age forever. — Dear Wife Nancy and Our Dog Lisa

To the Vampire Scott in Miami: I love you and always will. I can't wait to see you. — Dear Girl in Orlando

To Georgiann: I will love you and think of you everyday. — S.F.J. in Midland, Tex.

To Terry in Fort Jackson, Trade Hill: You are my life. I'm waiting on you and real love. — Your Wife Carla in Compton, Ky.

To Mr. Mayor in Chicago: Say that sorry word. I'll marry you!

Bear bait

By PETE COONE

An 11-year-old boy said his summer camp adventure turned into a nightmare when a counselor tied him to a tree and threatened to pour honey on him to attract bears!

Young camper says counselor tied him to a tree and then threatened to pour honey on him!

The bizarre incident took place at a summer camp for elementary school children on Vancouver Island off Canada's west coast.

The boy, identified only as Dean, claimed the camp counselor tied him to a tree "for laughing."

"He tied me to a tree and threatened to pour honey on me for the bears to come and get me," Dean said.

[illegible] school administrator David Shore said the boy was tied to a tree but no one threatened to pour honey on the child.

"That's just ridiculous," said Shore.

"What happened is that one student behaved very badly and one counselor threatened to tie him to a tree.

"The child took that as a challenge and misbehaved even more. The counselor tied him to a tree for about 20 minutes."

[illegible] admitted tying the boy to a tree, but claimed he acted only out of concern for the safety of the other young campers when Dean wouldn't behave himself.

[illegible] "I tied him to a tree," [illegible] said in a letter to the boy's mother.

"In retrospect, this may not have been the best punishment."

Dean's mother, identified only as [illegible], was furious over the episode. [illegible]

"I thought this trip would be good for him, but instead this experience has left him with low self-esteem," the 42-year-old single mom said.

"He doesn't even want to leave the house."

The outraged mother said she only found out about her son's ordeal because a teacher paid a surprise visit to the camp and saw Dean tied to a tree.

Dean's mother said school officials offered to send her and Dean to camp "for a couple of weeks if [illegible] to the media."

But Shore denied the mother's allegation.

"What I said to her was that the school district would provide her son with another opportunity to go camping because of his unfortunate experience," Shore said.

Doctor using garden slug slime to beat breast cancer

The latest weapon in the war against breast cancer is the common garden slug!

Dr. [illegible], a [illegible] at London's Middlesex [illegible], [illegible] the slime [illegible] a substance [illegible] whether the [illegible] will spread.

[illegible] this will be a [illegible] in helping the [illegible] of breast cancer, Dr. [illegible] said.

For reasons that aren't [illegible] when applied to [illegible] in the breast.

If it turns red [illegible] likely to spread, [illegible] Dr. [illegible] said.

Burglar's booty may go boom — he stole a live grenade!

A burglar may get a real bang out of his booty, worried police say — because a container he stole from the home of a Vietnam vet contains a live grenade!

[illegible]

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By SUSAN JIMISON

Desperate dieting left Cath[illegible] weighing 52 pounds and broug[illegible] brink of death, but the anorexia [illegible] now — and making a career fo[illegible] curvy model!

The 22-year-old blonde from Sunderland, England, starved herself so severely she was actually given the Last Rites by a Catholic priest. She says it was only when she realized how much her family would suffer over her death that she found the will to eat again — and survive.

"Life is too precious to waste it on this terrible illness," [illegible] Catherine says now. [illegible]

[illegible]

When she was hospitalized for treatment, doctors found she weighed only 52 pounds. She was so emaciated she had to lie in a [illegible].

And still she would not eat.

"I knew my body looked awful," she recalled. [illegible]

"But I was still terrified that if I ate anything I'd get fat again."

As she neared death, Catherine became aware that she was surrounded by love. Her parents prayed at her bedside, her sisters wept. Suddenly she wanted to live.

"I'll never forget it," she recalled. "I asked for something to eat. The nurses couldn't believe it."

[illegible]

Today Catherine is a beautiful young woman who works as a photo model. She loves food and eats three meals a day.

"That pathetic skeleton in the photograph is a stranger [illegible]

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'I'm proud that I won the battle against anorexia'

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$55,000 [redacted] was in shop 20 times in 10 months!

STEAMED: Bernard Collett sits in his Cadillac Allante he advertised as terrible trouble. Company big wheels read ad — and gave Collett a brand-new car.

IT DOT RESULTS: Collett's newspaper ad described his lemon's "premium features."

Lemon owner's mad ad puts squeeze on auto maker

By JACK ALEXANDER

An angry car owner said he got the runaround trying to get his $55,000 Cadillac Allante "lemon" fixed until he went public with a newspaper ad — and got quick satisfaction.

To counter bad publicity from the ad, company officials promised Bernard Collett a new '89 Allante and gave him a new Caddy to drive while he waits.

My 1987 Allante was in the shop 20 times the 10 months I had it," said Collett of Monroe, N.Y. "I kept getting the run around.

Finally, the [redacted] owner spent $1,000 on a four-day ad touting his car for sale and telling readers all the things wrong with it.

He told about the expensive seat that engine problems while driving, electrical [redacted] that [redacted] make all the noises [redacted] the transmission that would [redacted] the engine and sound.

I got [redacted] that when you got behind the wheel of a car you thought [redacted] to be proud of, you didn't want to be ashamed [redacted] it," said Collett. "I was not going to stand for it."

So he made a written offer to buy the Caddy, but the sparkle departed

Bad publicity campaign gets him new Caddy

Collett said Cadillac officials [redacted] and phoned [redacted] people who admired his car's appearance and options.

The Cadillac people didn't [redacted] those changes after the ad ran, but I talked [redacted] all about," said Collett.

[redacted] wanted to stop the ad. I told 'A [redacted] Mr. Allante.' And they said, 'Okay, you got it.'"

Collett said he doesn't feel like a hero or a champion of consumer's rights.

"Fortunately, I could afford to run the ad and that got results," he said.

"It bothers me that I was bought off.

"I got what I wanted but there are a lot of people out there who are stuck with lemons and can't do anything about it."

Cadillac spokesman Dan Hare couldn't comment on the deal with Collett.

"I can report to you that a mutually satisfactory arrangement has been made that will retain Mr. Collett as a Cadillac owner," said Hare.

"We're glad that we've been able to satisfy him."

Man charged in big rack [redacted]k

A 21-year-old man was charged with disorderly conduct and being drunk in public after police spotted him on a motel parking lot — [redacted] a newspaper rack.

Cops in Bethlehem, Pa., said they

[redacted] tes baby by mistake

A [redacted] couple wept at the foot of an empty crib after the [redacted] of their beloved little daughter was [redacted] mistake.

[redacted] Mrs. McMenemy and her husband had hoped to [redacted] their daughter when they went to [redacted] in a registry near their home in St. Helens, England.

Cops: Robber returned to scene of the crime

A stupid crook should have changed banks after all the trouble he went through trying to rob one — a second time.

The dimwit figured he had a good thing going when he held up a bank in Decatur, Ga. He returned to the same bank the following Monday. Bank employees watched as he slipped on his mask and reached for the front door knob. The door was locked. He rattled it a few times and stomped off.

The next day he returned just before closing time and demanded money.

Tellers told him the cash drawers were locked and they refused to open them. He scampered out of the bank again.

The bandit took a day off, but was back at the bank on Thursday. He stood out the front door after stuffing money in a bag.

Customers cops captured him after firing several warning shots.

Police identified the suspect nabbed in the Thursday robbery as WILLIE James Harvill, 22. He was charged with two counts of armed robbery.

Smart kids make buck$ taking tests for dummies

High school students are so desperate to get into college that they're paying super smart whiz kids up to $375 to take college and university entrance exams for them.

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Whiz kids usually hit around 1,400, which is high enough to get a student into even the best colleges.

Then the test takers collect $50 or $75 extra for scoring above this.

One super smart student in New York City claimed to have made nearly $1,000 for taking the SAT tests for other students over a two-day period.

Another New York 16-year-old student teamed up to run a business as a go-between, setting up other students with whiz kids who would take their college entrance exams for them.

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Williams figures the nugget is worth a cool $10,000.

He said he has been looking for gold at the old Bullion Pit, near the town of Lloyd, for two years.

Many believe snake guards fortune in gold

Temple's sacred cobra kills treasure hunters

By RAGAN GUNN

Soldier of fortune Lennart Hansson has vowed revenge on the 18-foot cobra that killed two of his friends while they searched for treasure in northern India!

"That snake will die," Hansson, 46, told reporters in Ajmer, India. "My friends are dead. They were probably killed.

"I'll kill that snake if I have to do it with my bare hands."

The adventurers were in Orissa the deaths of Stig Sandstrom, 36, and Anders Johnsson, 56, terrified the local Indian population.

Most, if not all of them, think the snake is the sacred guard of an abandoned temple that holds a fortune in gold and jewels.

In fact, the Swedish adventurers were looking for the treasure when the snake attacked and killed Sandstrom and Johnsson.

"We were close enough to smell it," Hansson told newsmen. "The treasure is there. It's somewhere in that broken down temple."

"The single obstacle is the snake. He's at least 20 feet long and as big around as a man's waist. He's smart, too.

"He waited until my friends were inside the temple. Then he slithered around a wall blocking the exit. I heard Stig and Anders screaming but there was nothing I could do.

"The snake was resting at me when I escaped through a window."

Hansson plans to return to the temple as early as September. There he believes he will be able to kill the snake and find the treasure, experts say he will be worth millions.

Beyond he says the giant cobra that killed two people guards a fortune in gold and jewels buried in the old temple

he barely armed and he will have at least a dozen men with him.

"The temple is supposedly the repository of diamonds, rubies, sapphires and golden brains," Swedish Coast Point told reporters.

"Legend has it that a Hindu king, which no longer exists, brought the treasure in the temple in 1750. Many believe that giant sacred cobras have guarded the treasure ever since."

Said Hansson: "I'll kill the snake and I'll have the treasure.

"It's no Hindu to me, nothing about this slithering reptile is sacred."

Victims' pal vows revenge on the huge holy reptile

Teen [redacted] dead dad after crash

[redacted]-year-old Tracy Jane Van Order who was driving when her stepdad was killed in a car crash — is still in hospital because of her deep shock she was in a coma.

Tracy, now at Grand Haven, Mich., was injured when her stepdad Jean Van Order hit a [redacted].

Driving down a gravel road, Tracy lost control and the car rolled over and crashed into some trees.

Van Order died at the scene. Tracy had to have her right leg amputated above the knee and her left leg was severely damaged.

Now Tracy is using her stepdad's crash as her excuse.

Playing it cool

Now here's the way to really beat the heat. Leopard Brian Kapajpaj dropped a chair and umbrella to his surfboard at a Honolulu

Cremation shocker!

Widow files suit over lost ashes

A grieving widow has won the right to sue an airline for losing her dead husband's ashes.

During a layover, Bl. wanted to carry the urn with the ashes on a flight from Los Angeles to Boston, but TWA made her check it in as luggage.

A federal judge ruled the airline was liable, subject to a tariff limitation.

CASTAWAYS sought giant sea turtles with their bare hands and stayed alive by eating the meat.

Survivors lived on turtle meat

Island paddlers swept 1,000 miles to sea!

By ROGER CASWELL

A band of Pacific island natives traveling by canoe to an island less than two miles away were swept 1,000 miles out to sea, but survived their month-long ordeal by eating turtles they caught with their bare hands!

Two of the castaways — an infant and an elderly woman — perished before the survivors were rescued by the crew of an American tuna boat near Ponape, an island in Micronesia.

One of the survivors, Hanelare Napala, said his companions kept their spirits high by praying and singing hymns.

"We had no fishing lines," the 38-year-old survivor added. "We had to catch our food with our bare hands."

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Granddaughter shoots granny

Grandma Abigail Rodriguez walked to the corner store and called an ambulance after her 4-year-old granddaughter accidentally shot the old woman in the chest with a pistol.

Mrs. Rodriguez, 61, staggered out of her El Paso, Tex., apartment and stumbled a short distance to a grocery store in the building. She remained alert and conscious as she was loaded into the ambulance, even remembering to instruct her granddaughter's parents to come and take care of the little girl.

Mrs. Rodriguez told police she was sitting on her bed while caring for her grandchild when the little girl found the handgun and began playing with it. The pistol discharged accidentally, a police report said.

She is in stable condition in the hospital, authorities say.

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Cleopatra's loverboy was the original sugar daddy — and other juicy tidbits of titillating . . .

TRIVIA

By RAFI KLINGER

Getting tired of that brother-in-law or friend at work who thinks he or she knows everything?

You don't have to put up with these maddening know-it-alls. Here are a bunch of fascinating, but little-known, facts that will stump even the most knowledgeable trivia buffs

● Don't worry if your eyes feel tired at the end of a day. They should be. A person moves his eyes 100,000 times in an average day.

● No one knows why, but boys usually sleep 10 minutes longer per night than girls.

● Perry Mason solved his first nothing case in the year 1933. That's when real-life attorney Erle Stanley Gardner wrote his first Mason book, The Case of the Velvet Claws.

● Lawenforcement men usually fly in theaters there jammed with juvenile and other on positive gifts, but wrist today a fat cats can't compare to the generosity of Ancient Roman army general Mark Anthony. When he fell for Cleopatra, Tony gave her Cyprus, Syria and other large chunks of the Middle East.

● Visitors to zoos pelt elephants with peanuts thinking that the giants naturally love them. But elephants have to acquire a taste for peanuts.

● Fox hunting has been a popular sport among the English gentry, but it wasn't always so. At first, English nobles hunted deer until they ran out of them. Then they tried rabbits, but the critters were no fun because they kept running in circles. Finally, they hit on foxes because the little beasts run in straight lines giving hunters a good ride.

● Sentient critters claim they eat more clams and oysters on the week before a full moon than at any other time.

● Ever wonder why gargoyles traditionally get shown wrapped with rope after the ceremony? It's an ancient Hindu custom. Rope is a symbol of fertility in India.

● The popular old song says that London Bridge is falling down, but it's England's capital city itself that is sinking. Fortunately, it's sinking very slowly.

● Lemon juice makes a great pick-me-up, but it's a lot stronger than you think. The acid in lemons will dissolve pearls.

● Log cabins were popular on the American frontier, but these structures were actually invented in Sweden. The creative Swedes also invented the zipper, monkey wrench and car safety belts.

● Rio de Janeiro is known as a city of fun, but a law there keeps dancing the rumba in tuxedos. What? In Rio, where everyone starts a rumba traffic stops and everyone joins in the fun. If people were allowed to start rumbas in cafeteria, the tuxedo would be blocked for hours, say authorities.

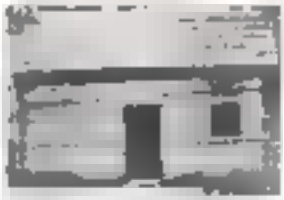
● Mighty fire-breathing dragons have nothing on Reg Harris in 1954, Reg blew a flame 31 feet at Chesterton, England, according to the Guinness Book of World Records.

● Better be careful in September. July is the most accident-filled month.

● The first brewer to put beer in cans was Krueger of Newark, N.J. He got the bright idea in 1933. It caught on. Imagine drinking with either

SENSUOUS general Mark Anthony gave his sweetheart Cleopatra a big chunk of the Middle East as a present. Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor, above, starred in the movie. Another surprising tidbit: Elephants have to acquire their taste for peanuts.

ACTOR Raymond Burr has played crimebuster Perry Mason on TV for years.



WOOD was believe it? The log cabin was a Swedish invention. The one above is the birthplace of President Abraham Lincoln.

sugar beer can is worth up to $6,000 today.

● Every time you watch a major sporting event on TV, it seems like the Goodyear blimp is there. But there are only three of these blimps in the United States.

What a dump!

Things weren't going so great for Mike Eggert and his family, he admitted, so they got a little behind in the house cleaning.

That's why it took a crew of sanitation workers and a fleet of garbage trucks to pick up around the Eggert house — and remove the 16½ tons of garbage and human waste that littered the one-story house!

"Sometimes things get busy [illegible] you faster than you can keep up," the St. Paul, Minn., father of four lamely told reporters. "I guess it was just out of control."

Eggert and his wife Deborah were such incredible slobs that they may face criminal charges for child abuse. Authorities are looking into whether exposing kids to so much filth and trash at home would qualify as mistreatment.

The four kids — aged 1, 8, 10 and 14 — have been in foster care ever since health officials got a good look at the Eggert residence. The house itself has been condemned. [illegible]

Pigpen family had 16½ tons of trash INSIDE their house!

tion," Frank Steffenson of the St. Paul Health Dept. told the NEWS.

"The gas had been off since December 1987, and the water had been off for two years. It took us two days of digging to find the bathroom. The tub was full of feces and trash."

Eggert said the mess started piling up after he and his wife began experiencing marital problems three years ago. But he insisted that the children in the house as it grew the kids ate out or brought food home to eat," Steffenson said. "They snacked well fed.

"No one was allowed in the house, not the grandparents, not the neighbors, no one. Still, there's a person questioning as to how they could keep [illegible]

"How was it that the schools or the welfare department didn't pick up on this?" asked

Hop to it!

A team of New Hampshire high school students jumped into the latest Guinness Book of World Records — by leapfrogging more than 500 miles!

The 14 Hopscotch Hiking students set a new record while raising money for the Norris Cotton Cancer Center.

HARVEY and Barb McGee outside their home. Note the damaged chimney.

Grandpa's nap zapped by bolt out of the blue

By JACK ALEXANDER

A retired steelworker was struck by lightning as he snoozed on his living room sofa and survived — with nothing worse than a sore arm.

"It woke me up. I felt a little tingling in my left arm, but I didn't realize until later I'd been hit by a lightning bolt," said McGee Sr., was taking an afternoon nap in a violent electrical storm raged outside his home in Bloomington Hills, Utah.

The lightning struck the house, zipped down a chimney vent and zapped the sleeping grandpa.

The bolt raced through the house, damaging a VCR and shielding dish receiver and destroying a TV set in the bedroom.

Chimney bricks were blown through the living room wall and littered the rest of the one-story home.

"I heard a loud pop and then an explosion and fell on the floor," said McGee. "The lights went out. I felt a little weary and my arm was numb."

McGee said he didn't know what had happened until a neighbor came over and told him there was a big hole in the chimney.

"The neighbor wanted to take me to the hospital but I decided to wait until my wife Ruth came home," he said.

"Ruth took me in a doctor later but he couldn't find anything wrong. My left arm still aches, but other than that, I'm fine."

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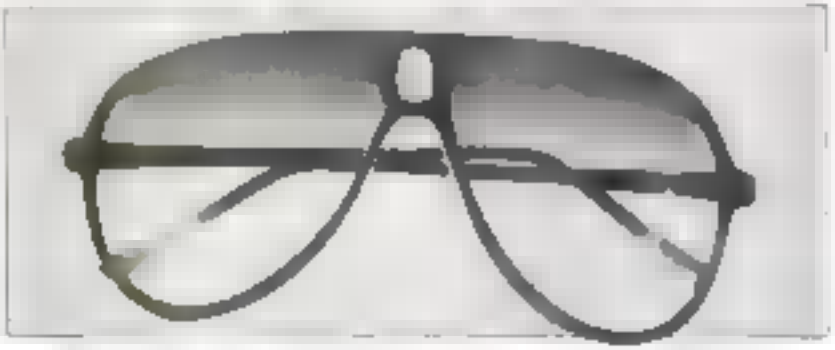

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Two kids die in ice-cream cart!

By PETE COOKE

An anguished town's frantic search for two lost little boys ended tragically when their bodies were discovered in the freezer of an ice-cream vendor's cart

"It's a sad, sad story," said Sgt. Dennis Dyck of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The deadly drama unfolded in the city town of Fort Langley, near Vancouver, British Columbia, after the parents of Jonathan Dyck and Dustin Mather realized the 5-year-old boys were missing.

"I got home from work and the boys were missing," said Jonathan's father, Richard Dyck.

"They were last seen playing in the front lawn. They normally played at a couple of builders on either side."

Dyck said Dustin's parents, Bob and Wendy Mather, were busy parking up the family van for a weekend. "So Dusty and Jonathan went from the

LITTLE Jonathan Dyck and his playmate died in ice-cream cart

backyard and got into that ice-cream cart."

Sgt. Dyck said the Mathers could have had

The Mathers were living [illegible] The van was on the back road (Glover) together and [illegible] with a tarp.

A massive search was launched but the police had to [illegible] before a police tracking dog led authorities to the ice-cream van five hours later.

Dyck said the ice-cream van's air-conditioned motor [illegible] and pushed the ice cream [illegible] the two boys crawled in [illegible] "The boys couldn't get out."

Bernard McDonald, a Fort Langley resident, said the tragedy hit everyone in the [illegible]

POLICE Sgt. Dennis Dyck examines the ice-cream cart in which two youngsters were found suffocated

Man bites off friend's ear

A court in the Arab sheikhdom of Dubai sentenced Mohamad Ghulam to three months in jail for biting off a friend's ear — because his family wouldn't turn off the air conditioner so their apartment would [illegible]. Ghulam [illegible] child's

Horse-whipped wife

Beating a woman is no big deal in United Arab Emirates where a man who horse-whipped one of his two wives to keep them from arguing received just a one-day jail sentence and was fined only $50, the Khaleej Times newspaper reports.

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Dope-fiend millionaire's life goes up in smoke

Respected rich guy Raymond Bliss Jr. owned fancy cars, plush condos and had a thriving business worth millions until he lost it all — because of cocaine.

By JACK ALEXANDER

He loses his family, his business and now he's doing time in prison

Within two years the costly drug stripped him of his multimillion-dollar company, his self-respect and his freedom. His marriage crashed. His father sued him to collect a $680,000 loan and he was sentenced to three 10-year terms as prison for trafficking and possessing cocaine.

"It's amazing how the drug can take your interest in everything away, from hobbies to your business, your love, everything, and replace it with itself," said the busted businessman.

Bliss, 45, was worth up to $10 million largely because of his company, Southern Hydrostatic Welding in Pelham, Ala., when he visited a friend's home in '84. He walked out 12 hours later hooked on cocaine.

The wealthy executive was drug-free until that day. But his life would never be the same again.

"I took the pipe and smoked it on nonchalantly that first time," Bliss said. "I was not afraid of it. I wasn't afraid of anything.

"You build a lot of castles when you're stoking," said the drug-ravaged tycoon. "Fortunately, I had more built, and mine was coming down fast."

An avid horse racing fan, Bliss also had planned for the opening of the new Birmingham Turf Club by buying 1,800 shares of stock, 31 limited partnerships and renting a $30,000 sky box. But when the track opened, he was deep into his addiction.

"After all the planning and enthusiasm I had put into it,

BACK guy Raymond Bliss with some of his products.

back at its opening day," Bliss said. "At [illegible] I got to the race track I took everything I could muster to get there. I almost didn't make it through the evening. And I found myself having to go to my car between races to hit the pipe."

The controller of his company begged Bliss every day to come to work because the business was crumbling and needed his guidance. Finally, 10 days before Christmas last year, the company went bankrupt.

A short time later, Bliss faced the ultimate humiliation of being arrested for selling cocaine twice in the same day in an undercover sting.

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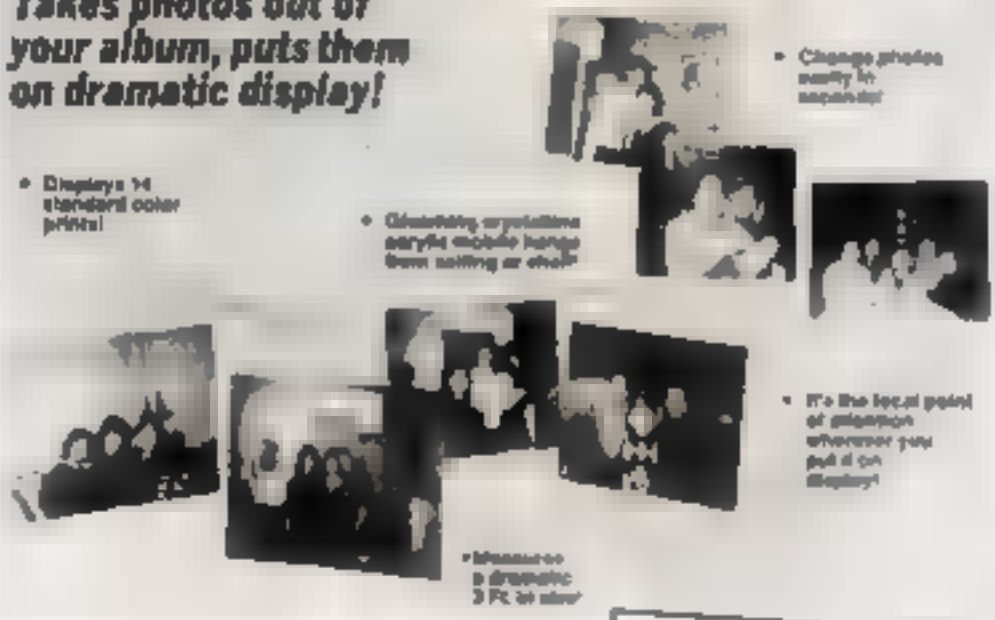

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CABBAGE PATCH TWINS

Stricken gal turns over a new leaf

By HENRY WIGGS

Joyful Jeanette Black has nicknamed her newborn twins the Cabbage Patch Kids because she had to eat a ton of cabbage to make their dream birth happen!

The 23-year-old woman suffers from a rare blood disorder called phenylketonuria and was told by doctors that she'd have to go on a low-protein vegetable diet if she ever wanted childbirth.

That was in 1980. After that she devoured 20 pounds of cabbages, 2,000 carrots and 2,500 Brussels sprouts to make her pregnancy possible.

And last month she gave birth to twin daughters Kelly and Kerry.

"They're really very special. It was worth giving up the food I love for them," said the proud mother from Thatcham, Berkshire.

"I have a very sweet tooth but had to give up ice cream and chocolates when I went on the vegetable diet. The first thing I ate when I got out of the hospital was fish and chips and a massive ice cream."

Mrs. Black, 28, said husband Bill is also thrilled that her vegetable ordeal is over. "Jeanette was grumpy when she had to give up her favorite foods," he said.

"It's nice to see meat back on the table again."

Unfortunately for Mrs. Black, she'll have to be watching up rabbit food again — because she wants more kids!

JUBILANT Jeanette Black shows off her newborn twins Kerry Ann, left, and Kelly Marie. "It was worth giving up the food I love for them," says the veggie-champion mom.

Veggie diet made her a mom!

Impatient patient loses suit against late doc

Impatient patient Lloyd Howard sued his doctor for $120 for being late. But the move backfired when Howard lost his suit and got slapped with a countersuit — for $2 million!

Howard was trying to recover the money he said he lost in closing his New York City advertising office to keep the medical appointment.

But Dr. Anthony Meddels was late because of unforeseen complications in surgery he was performing. A judge ruled that the doctor's reason for missing the appointment was "more than satisfactory."

Meddels then countersued Howard for malicious prosecution.

But the two then reached an out-of-court settlement, with Howard agreeing to donate $2,000 for hospital equipment, the doctor's attorney said.

Midnight inter-lewd

A sleepyheaded homeowner got locked out of his house in the middle of the night and had to run half a mile to a phone booth — in the birthday suit.

Police in Basildon, England, said the guy identified only as Joe had gotten out of bed to go to the bathroom. But in his groggy condition, he stumbled stark naked into his backyard — and the door locked behind him.

Joe jogged down the road to a phone booth that didn't require any money and called cops for help. Privacy managed to keep a lock and let Joe back in his house.

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Teen's tragic discovery at crash [redacted]

A 16-year-old girl was driving home from work when she came upon a car crash that had killed her parents and only brother!

A Florida Highway Patrol trooper told Muriel Adams of Interlachen that her parents, Glen and Margaret Adams, both 37, and brother Brian, 13, were dead. "I don't think she fully understands what happened," said Ernest Adams, the tragic girl's grandfather.

"She's been holding up great but it will probably hit with the funerals." Police said the fatal accident occurred when Adams lost control of his vehicle and veered into oncoming traffic.

John Jackson, 20, was also killed in the crash.

Drive-in diners get Molotov cocktails with their burgers

Cocktails aren't usually served with the burgers at the Stop Drive-In in Los Angeles. But no one puts up a beef when they are — even if it's a deadly Molotov cocktail!

For the second time in as many days, assailants hurled a Molotov cocktail at the Watts District fast-food drive-in.

But chaos went right on grilling the burgers while a half-dozen shocked customers went on munching theirs.

Employees who weren't busy at the grill battled flames that engulfed the roof until fire fighters arrived to take over the chore.

L.A. cops said they have no idea who's been serving up the fire-bomb cocktails.

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By Dr. Art Ulene

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Blooper puts working gal on easy street

A misspelt went on a wild spending spree that ended in her arrest after a computer error boosted her annual salary from $10,000 to $100,000.

British authorities said 22-year-old Kelly Redmon of Cardiff, Wales blew a whopping $98,000 on clothes and jewelry before her misspelled employer discovered the mistake.

According to officials, Miss Redmon had been working as a sales trainee at a sausage company for a month when she was applied on the job.

While out on sick leave Miss Redmon's salary was increased 10 times over by a computer goof.

"It's the sort of thing we'd dream about," said prosecutor Marilyn Kelly. "But it wasn't her money to spend."

Miss Redmon, who faced theft charges in the case, said she thought the huge pay hike was compensation for her injury.

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Wrestler-turned-bounty hunter tracks crooks on the lam

Tough Dr. D ALWAYS gets his man

By DICK DONOVAN

Big men quake when hulking "Dr. D" steps into the wrestling ring, so it isn't hard to imagine the terror felt by the bail jumpers he tracks down — as a real-life bounty hunter!

Out of the ring, Dr. D is 6-foot-6, 265-pound David Shults, a wrestler-turned-bounty hunter who is fast earning a reputation as a relentless pursuer who won't quit until he gets his man.

"I'm not scared of anyone and I'll go anywhere to get someone," he told The NEWS. "I can find anybody anywhere . . . if the right kind of money is there for me."

By his own admission, Shults is one mean dude. It's a slight character flaw that in 1980 got him banned from the World Wrestling Federation and the American Wrestling Association.

That action followed a somewhat lopsided "bout" he had with ABC-TV reporter John Stossel. It was a mismatch that highlighted a 20/20 report on pro wrestling.

When Stossel labeled the sport a fake, Shults slapped him to the floor. When Stossel got up, Shults laid him down again.

Wisely, Stossel then leaped to his feet and fled the scene while his diligent cameramen recorded the drama for posterity.

Since the ban, 33-year-old Shults has been wrestling for two independent groups and currently holds the heavyweight title in each.

And for almost a year now, he's been making a new name for himself as a bounty hunter in his home state of Connecticut, as well as the cable cast court and Puerto Rico.

His skill is in nabbing people who skip out on bail bonds posted by a bondsman who guarantees that person will appear in court. When a defendant fails to appear in court, the bondsman has six months to bring the defendant to court or lose the bond money.

He was once banned from pro wrestling for decking a TV reporter

Hat's armed to the teeth but just the sight of 265-pound David Shults is enough to strike fear into any fugitive.

In the ring, he's even better as a bounty hunter.

"I went after a guy once who had skipped out on a $40,000 bond," he said in an interview in his home in New Haven, where he lives with his wife and daughter. "They told me how bad he was, but I have a rep as a pretty mean dude myself.

"I tracked him down and grabbed him on the street. He started to give me some trouble, but I stuck a 9-inch spatula in his mouth and he stopped giving me trouble.

"I'm not the toughest guy in the world by a long shot," he added. "But I can't show any fear. If I showed any fear, they'd eat me alive."

So far in his brief career as a bounty hunter, Shults has brought in 30 bond jumpers. His "reward" is 10 percent of the bond money he nabs and he figures he could earn up to $150,000 on his first year.

"I grew up in the streets of Tennessee," he explained. "I think like these guys do and I know what they're going to do. And I'm not scared of anybody. Shults also has a reputation as a fair man. He doesn't rough up his prey unless they resist.

Dad sipped too much cider and goes blind

An apple a day may keep the doctor away but too much apple cider can make you blind!

Cider loving Blair Goodhind of Hartcliffe, England, has downed 30 pints a day since he was about 11. It seems he's ingested so much juicable from apple seeds left in the cider that the poison has affected his vision.

Now he sees double and doctors say his optic nerves are beyond repair.

"It's frightening," said the 23-year-old father of two. "I can't see my wife or kids any

Charges dropped in oil tycoon's stabbing

By PETE COOKE

"I've gotten away with murder."

With those chilling words 56-year-old Donald Baker walked out of court a free man after he and his young lover Kathleen McCarthy were cleared in the brutal slaying of oil tycoon Tony "Lucky" Diamond.

"Sure I killed him," Baker admitted shortly after the hearing in Norwalk [illegible] giant. "If his name is Lucky [illegible] mine? I'm the luckiest man in the world."

Baker and his 20-year-old girlfriend were arrested for Diamond's murder, but prosecutors suddenly dropped all charges just before the case was scheduled to go to trial. Authorities said they didn't have enough evidence to proceed with the murder case.

But as soon as he was free, Baker, a tavern owner, didn't

THIS MAN GOT AWAY WITH MURDER

Pete and Donald Baker, 56, and his 20-year-old girlfriend Kathleen McCarthy and Tony "Lucky" Diamond ran stabbed three times with kitchen knives during an argument.

He admits: 'Sure I killed him'

[illegible] crime.

"Diamond died from three stab wounds to the back and it wasn't the good fairy who did it," Baker snapped.

Diamond was killed in the kitchen of his [illegible] home during a fight that broke out after Baker and Miss McCarthy arrived to discuss a car deal and the three had a few drinks.

"I was selling my Mercedes to him and he was going to give me his Aston Martin and $3,000," Baker said. "But things got out of hand once we hit the table."

The fight erupted when the [illegible] Kathleen kissed and charged at [illegible] me like a wild beast. Kathleen came to help me. All three of us were grappling with the knives and remember at what Diamond was stabbed.

"We just lie there not moving," said Baker. "Kathy and I were drenched in blood. We drove back to my bar. The car was scratching in blood. We couldn't believe what we'd done."

Maria Diamond, the victim's widow, was outraged at the prosecutor's decision to drop charges against Baker and his girlfriend.

"How can murder go unpunished like this?" she asked. "How can I [illegible] to rebuild my life? My world is over. I have nothing left."

What a life!

The world's oldest person is a 126-year-old Ingushian woman who is a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother to 144 people.

She was identified in the Iranian daily paper Kayhan and is Mrs. Gandjhar, who worked as a farmer [illegible] until five years ago.

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Want to lose weight?

Quit your diet! says expert

A model, Ferrell, like the one above at right, can be obtained without dieting.

By SUSAN JIMISON

If you want to lose weight — don't diet!

Dieting is a sure way to begin an obsession with food that will wind up making you fatter, say the authors of a bestseller on weight control. *Overeating* (Overeating (Addison Wesley, 1988, $15.95).

Instead, let yourself eat anything you want, any time, any place in any amount, advises Carol Munter, co-author with Jane Hirschmann of the upbeat new book. Then start paying attention to your appetite and learn to eat only when you are hungry. Within a short time, you'll start shedding unwanted pounds.

"Stop saying to yourself that you have to lose weight," Carol Munter said in an interview with The Ark'Ark. "When you condemn yourself you feel bad and it becomes impossible to change.

"Put those thoughts aside and accept what you are. Once you have broken your obsession with food you can adopt a healthy diet — and lose weight."

Miss Munter and her coauthor have devised a simple program for changing eating habits that eventually results in a healthier — and thinner — body. The goal is to reach your body's natural weight level, not to look like a super-skinny model, she says.

Here are the three steps toward a new slim figure recommended by the weight experts:

1) Accept You're Never Going to Diet Again: Dieting is taking things away from yourself. It will lead to anxiety — and when you're anxious, chances are you'll overeat. From now on you're going to eat what you want when you want.

2) Put Yourself on a Demand Feeding Schedule: Promise to yourself that when you're hungry, you'll feed yourself — that you can take care of yourself. This will make you more secure and you won't need food as a tranquilizer. Use food as a fuel as many times a day as you feel hungry, or that is the end you will stop using it to calm yourself.

3) Learn How to Tell When You're Truly Hungry: You have to distinguish between real hunger and psychological hunger, which is the result of tension or worry.

Each time you want to eat, ask yourself, "Am I hungry?" If you are, terrific. Eat what satisfies you, even if it's a dish of rich chocolate cake. But if it's not really hunger that makes you want to eat cry to identify what it is. Get to work on the real problems that are behind your eating.

Miss Munter says that through a gradual process the thousands of people she and Jane Hirschmann treated for obesity learned to conquer their weight problems — and you can do it, too.

The key is learning to eat ONLY when you are hungry!

Grieving father takes revenge — on oak tree

An embittered father took revenge after his daughter and two companions were killed in a car crash — by uprooting an oak tree!

Richard Schlosser and friends stood down the giant oak which 17-year-old Jill Schlosser hit when her car slid off the road on a curve near Eau Gallie, Wis.

Jill and her friends Kassandra Brunner and Ann Bandenwald were killed instantly when their car careened sideways off the gravel road and slammed into the huge oak.

Grieving parents sue over murdered girl's missing tombstone

"It's an outrage!"

"Raped, beaten, strangled and hung in a tree by Kenneth L. Prestridge."

That shocking phrase was inscribed on the now-missing tombstone of Sophia Aragon by her grieving parents so no one would forget what happened to her and who did it.

"That beast should have fried and rotted in hell for what he did to our little girl," said heartbroken stepfather Johnny Reece.

A jury in Oklahoma City [illegible]

By JACK ALEXANDER

Found Prestridge guilty of first-degree murder in the 1984 slaying of Sophia, 14, but [illegible] spared with a life sentence instead of death.

But the painful ordeal isn't over for Reece and his wife Alma.

Cemetery manager Jimmy Kramer allegedly removed the tombstone and they have filed a lawsuit against Alexandria Memorial Gardens to have it returned.

"When the grave marker turned up missing, we called the sheriff to investigate," said Reece. "He said it was in the possession of Kramer."

Kramer said he sympathizes with the [illegible] but told Reece to advertise the investigation as the marker wasn't appropriate. "Mr. Reece got all pissy-way," he said. The NEWS. "I told the sheriff I took it off the grave. Under the law I have the right to make rules and regulations according to the orderly management of this cemetery."

The nightmare began on a sunny spring day in May four years ago when Sophia's nude body was found hanging from a tree near her home in Purcell.

Prestridge, then 18, was quickly arrested and put on trial for first-degree murder.

More than a year after the vicious slaying, Prestridge was found guilty, but the same jury decided to let him live.

GRIEVING parents Johnny and Alma Reece hold photograph of Sophia. They had her killer's name inscribed on her tombstone.

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ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

All signs indicate that your luck is about to improve dramatically and you can make the best of your coming good fortune by taking some calculated risks to get ahead.

Your keen Aries sense of intuition could come in handy in the week ahead when first impressions take on added importance. Avoid pounds by trusting your instincts.

An opportunity to settle a long-running dispute may arise unexpectedly and you should be prepared to take advantage of it.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

What appears on the surface to be a golden opportunity may cause your ally in the week ahead, but you would be wise to proceed with caution. A misunderstanding made quickly might come back to haunt you.

Your Taurus traits of strength and stability might be what others a friend needs a shoulder to cry on. Be a sympathetic listener, but keep any advice to yourself.

Simmering family disputes could reach the boiling point in a hurry. Don't get involved.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

You have the clear objectivity so typical of those born under the sign of the twins. Don't overlook that asset as a means of achieving your goals without being sidetracked.

Keep your nose to the grindstone in the week ahead. Those who run shake a difference in your drive for success are keeping an appreciative eye on your willingness to perform.

Put aside all chores. A busy schedule is not in your best interests — rest and relaxation are! It's your time to say, "This land's for me."

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Manage your financial affairs carefully in the week ahead. An opportunity may arise where private spoil and you'll want to be in a solid position to act quickly, but wisely.

A recent meeting with another may prove to have a great impact on your future relationship with someone you are deeply fond of. If any past problems that will test their love.

Signs are good that disheartening problems with someone you hold dear will soon be resolved.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

If any song like you've been agonizing your wheels lately over something you believe strongly in, but can't manage to pull down. Your Leo tendency to go full-speed ahead usually could be fruitful here. Keep after your goal but listen your intuition.

Have you been ignoring loved ones lately because of your involvement with other things? If so, this weekend would be a great time to do something special with family, pals and that special person in your life.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your life may have seemed to be in the doldrums lately, but get ready, Virgo, a period of activity and exciting opportunity is ahead. Be prepared and alert to take advantage of good times to come.

Your Virgo tendency to be a hard, steady worker, but not flashy, might put you overlooked. But don't worry if short-term promotions are given to others. Remember that the slow, steady variety wins the race.

You always look good in blue and that color can bring you luck.

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Sept. 23-Oct. 22

This is a good week to show the world what you're made of. Your creativity and charm are at an all-time high so tackle those tough projects you've been putting off and deal with authority figures eye to eye to work in on that winning smile. Trust your instincts.

A friend may want you to help him celebrate a happy event in his life. Join in the fun.

A change of scenery would do you good over the week's work in the offing.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Keep your nose in the grindstone, Scorpio. You may feel a strong urge to get away from it all this week, but now is not the time to let your hair down. Virtually could lead you into a dangerous situation, so exercise restraint.

Someone who's caused you problems in the past could have some good news for you by the end of the week.

You're capable of winning friends.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You will love contact with foreigners or strangers in the next few days, Sagittarian. Proceed cautiously and use your excellent ability to control people. With care you may benefit from this contact.

This is an especially creative period for you, so give rein to your artistic side. You could do well to sign up for caution or begin projects having to do with music, painting or dance.

Chanel party plans for this week — the coming isn't right.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Ignore definite and pointable but the next few days, Capricorn, or they might deprive you of vital energy that you need to do your very best.

Your powers of concentration should help you focus on a nagging family problem and find a solution. This is an excellent week for you to pursue a change in diet or health habits.

A friend may contact you soon to give you good news. Pass the joy on to others if you can.

If your birthday is this week . . .

The year ahead finds you at the crossroads in romance, and if you work your cards. Decisions made along these lines will affect your life for a long time to come. Trust your instincts — and don't be afraid to take chances!

Your financial situation seems to be on the upswing. Think long and hard about putting the money to best use. Then watch your savings or investments grow, grow, grow.

Exciting new people are drawn to you throughout the year. You're well advised to get more emphasis on your social life.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

It bothers you when others don't react to certain situations as you expect. Better get used to that because you're not going to change them.

Some of your untapped talents are going to come because you aren't using your unusual Aquarius imagination. Do something about it this week.

This could be your week for a little romance. Don't be too eager. You have a tendency to get carried away by your emotions.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

An old friend or acquaintance may contact you this week with an offer that could change your life. Listen carefully but don't make hasty decisions.

Try looking at the bright side of life for a change. You might be happier by shedding your pessimistic attitude. It only drags you down.

Start planning today for a much-needed vacation. Further delays could cost you money. Pick up the phone and make your arrangements while you can still get bargain rates.

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

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Cops: Hubby forgives wife who ran off with killer

By PETE COOKE

Two years after his wife ran off with an alleged murderer, Chester Brodbeck says he's willing to forgive, even if he can't forget.

"I still plan to be married to her," Brodbeck said after his wife, Elaine, was arrested by federal authorities. "You'd have to know her to understand why she did it. She always tried to help people in trouble."

Elaine Brodbeck

Mrs. Brodbeck, 45, is now in trouble herself, accused of helping convicted killer Jon Vount escape from Rockview State Prison in Bellview, Pa., in April 1988.

According to officials, Mrs. Brodbeck of Harrisburg, Pa. met Vount while visiting the prison.

Vount, a high school math teacher sentenced to life for 1986 rape and murder of an 18-year-old student, was convicted under an assumed name.

Vount escaped by hiding in a laundry truck and Jan Vount. "We started checking out their alibis and their stories and, pure enough, we found out that they used fictitious Social Security numbers," said FBI Agent T.C. Brady.

Brodbeck, 41, was reunited with his wife when she and Vount were apprehended here in Pennsylvania.

"They have bail set at $250,000 and we can't raise that much, so I've only been able to visit her for half an hour a week," Brodbeck said.

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Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to treat cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, the research team reviewed unchanged but the doctors were astonished to find every person who used the formula lost weight. The published report of the study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was found" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight, even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing the study published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated, "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in the study lost more than 30 pounds.

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The boy who just can't stop eating

LITTLE Christopher Spink would gobble everything in the refrigerator if his mother didn't padlock the door.

Rare eating disorder forces him to wolf down everything in sight

By SUSAN JAMISON

Cute little Christopher Spink lives in a comfortable home well stocked with food and drink — but he feels like he's starving every moment of his life.

The 6-year-old suffers from Prader-Willi syndrome and has to be carefully watched to see that he doesn't overeat and harm his health. His mother, Sharon Spink, stands guard over him constantly to keep him from stealing food

"If [he] finds everything he can eat," Sharon Spink told The News.

"Right now I don't think that he realizes he's different from other kids. When I say no, he'll take it.

"But there will come a time when he's no longer cooperative. The drive to eat will get stronger as he gets older. I have to prepare myself — the day will come when he will be unmanageable. Then he will have to leave me to live in a group home with other Prader-Willi children. I'll miss the ability to enter what they [others] are feeling, but the ability to help them will be worth it."

Prader-Willi syndrome is a rare disorder that affects one in every 15,000 children. It does function don't control them. It's not uncommon for children to padlock refrigerators and refrigerator doors.

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Christopher was first born, he was a premature baby that also had to be force fed. There at the age of about 3, he began to eat nonstop. He put [illegible] up to weight, eventually becoming so fat that doctors began to suspect there was something wrong with him. "I couldn't get enough food into him," the boy's mother revealed.

"Finally, he got so heavy he wouldn't lift himself off the floor."

After Christopher's condition was diagnosed, the boy was put on a restricted diet of skim milk, rice, chicken and lots of vegetables. He will grow only to a height of about 5 feet and if he is allowed to gain weight, may suffer health problems like diabetes and heart disease.

"Every so often, he'll tell me, 'I want to eat!'" Mrs. Spink said. "How I wish he could understand. It's for his own safety."

"There's no cure and no treatment. It will never go away."

"So far sure I live my life one day at a time, and each of those days is devoted to raising this son."

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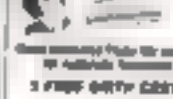

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Rich guy dumps the good life to live like a hippie

Ice cream heir cools it on a lonely island

By RAFI KLINGER

Maverick rich kid John Robbins turned down the chance to run his family's fabulous Baskin-Robbins ice cream empire — and instead married to a desert island to live like a hippie.

His bizarre riches to rags story is the saga of a man destined to inherit a fabulous chunk of the American dream. Raised in a wealthy family, he ate the best foods, attended the best schools and cooled off on hot summer days in a backyard swimming pool shaped like a giant ice cream cone.

How this rebel shuns the gummy ice cream he was raised on. He calls it poison.

"I had always believed that ice cream, eaten in moderation, was a healthy food," he said. "But I now discovered that its high sugar content coupled with its extremely high levels of saturated fat and cholesterol, implicated it in . . . heart disease, stroke, and cancer that ravage our society."

Even worse, he blasts the dairy industry for mistreating the cows that give the milk.

"On the walls of Baskin-Robbins stores in which I had worked were large photographs of cows grazing peacefully in beautiful pastures," he said. "But now I discovered that the milk products used in making commercial ice cream usually come from dairy factories in which the creatures were confined under miserable conditions."

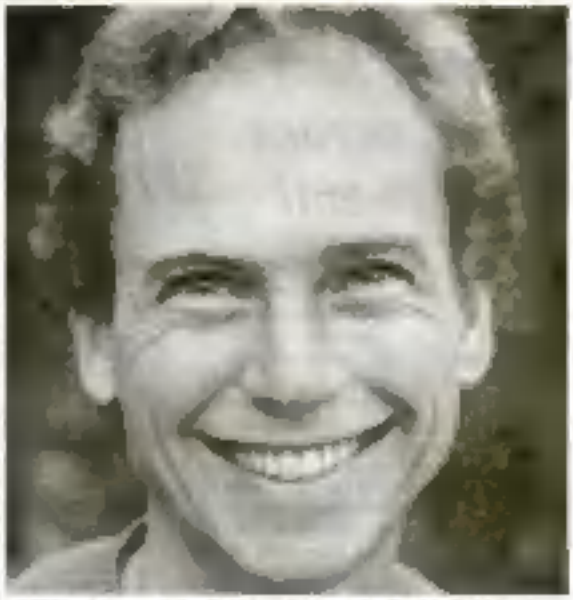
What his dad asked him to take over the family business, Robbins turned him down. Instead, he moved to a small island off the coast of British Columbia, Canada. There with his wife, he built a log cabin, raised his own food, practiced yoga and meditated.

After years of studying nutrition, he wrote the shocking book *Diet for a New America* (Stillpoint, 1987, $12.95). In it, he blames our food industries for mistreating animals and adding dangerous chemicals to foods.

"I hadn't realized the staggering degree of responsibility borne by today's meat, dairy and egg industries. Not only are these institutions responsible for a heinous degree of animal suffering, but their products are also dangerously high in saturated fat, cholesterol, and pesticide residues," he said.

Robbins believes "you are what you eat." And he trashes America's current unhealthy eating habits.

"If we eat unhealthy foods, we pollute our bodies, lose self-respect, and then, in a vicious cycle, become all the more likely to eat poorly."



HERE, rich guy John Robbins, heir to the Baskin-Robbins ice cream fortune, rejected the family business to do his thing

Tangled scarf kills mom on ride

Two tots watched in horror as their mom was strangled on a carnival ride when her silk scarf got caught under a fun-fair train.

The unidentified woman, an Indian who was wearing a five-foot-long scarf, got on the miniature train with her nine and 4. When she didn't get out of the car at the end of the ride, stewards pursued her and began treating her, thinking she'd collapsed with a medical problem.

Only later did they discover that she was tightly bound around the neck by her scarf and had stopped breathing.

The woman and her children were on a school trip from Handsworth, England, authorities said.

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VOUCHER

Cop's chair explodes and blows him clear across the room!

By HENRY WEBER

A policeman was thrown clear across the room when the air tank on his hydraulic chair blew up.

Hydraulic chairs operate on compressed air and raise and lower at the touch of a button.

Father-of-three Bob Milsom, 40, crash-landed on a filing cabinet after the bizarre explosion, which had fellow officers ducking metal fragments from the blown tank.

"It was an unbelievable blast, like a bomb going off," said Milsom of St George, England.

"I had just come in from patrol and plopped down in my chair. First there was a whoosh, then a bang, then I was flying through the air."

The 210-pound cop was bruised but otherwise okay after the surprise blast-off.

Fellow cop Les Atkinson said Milsom reached an altitude of about six feet and traveled at least 15 more before his impromptu flight ended on the other side of the room.

"I heard a loud explosion and thought it was gunfire at first," said Atkinson.

"Then I looked up to see Bob flying through the air."

The St. George Police Department has impounded all similar chairs.

"The hydraulic chairs are new and it's possible that the air tank was defective," said a spokesman. "But they will be replaced with conventional seating until our investigation is complete."

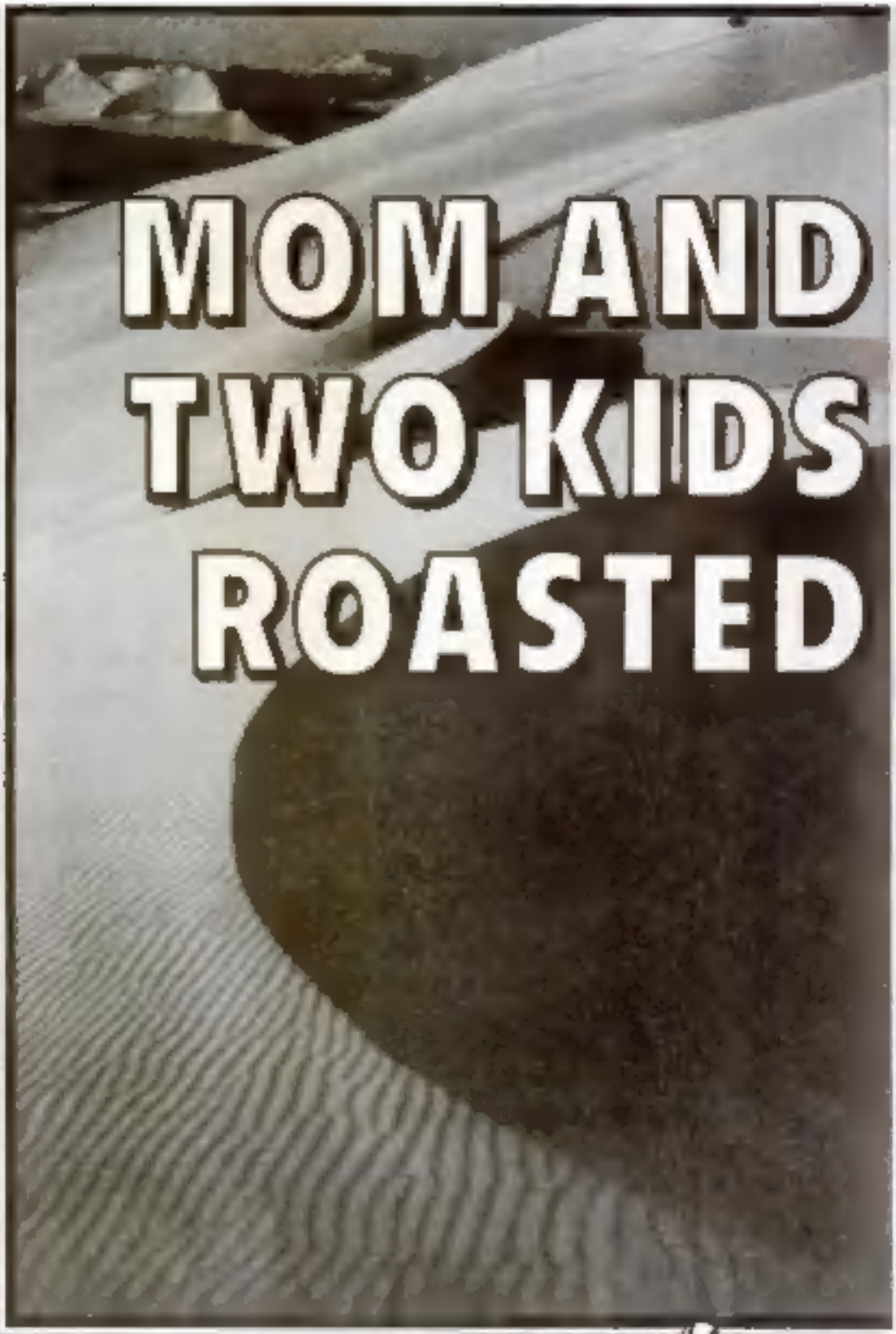
Lottery turns trash into cash

The city of Seattle will soon try a bizarre new garbage lottery game — where you can turn trash into cash.

Residents will fill out lottery applications from newspapers, grocery stores and other outlets. The applications will be mailed in city hall.

Two applications will be drawn from the city's north and south sides each month. City employees will then rummage through their garbage.

If no recyclable goods — such as bottles, cans or newspaper — are found, the lucky applicants will win $500. Otherwise, the $500 is added to the next month's jackpot.



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cause jurors felt the player's coach and principal knew there "was a very high risk of injury."

The player, Sevin Benson, 19, was paralyzed in his arms and legs from injuries he suffered in the game — until an operation restored most of

moving his left arm and his neck, said a spokesman for his attorney. Benson played for George Washington High School in New York City's toughest league after the school's request to be lowered to an easier league was

Dad survives family's nightmare in the desert

RENTED compact car becomes hopelessly stuck in the desert sand.

DAD sends family back to car while he goes alone for help.

EXHAUSTED and out of water, dad is too weak to continue to search for help.

TRAGEDY strikes as mom and the kids fall to make it to the car.

ALIVE UNDER A BROILING SUN!

By DICK DONOVAN

A father, who "broke all the rules of survival," wandered for two days looking for help — while his wife and two children slowly roasted to death in the blistering, 130-degree heat of the Sahara Desert!

Near death himself from thirst and exposure, tourist Alan Coombs was finally rescued, only to learn that his 38-year-old wife Jennifer and sons Gregory, 10, and Andrew, 7, were dead.

The family's desert nightmare came during a tour of Africa. While vacationing in the Tunisian city of Sousse, Coombs, ignoring strong warnings not to attempt the trip, decided to take the boys into the Sahara's Matmata region where much of the sequel to the sci-fi flick Star Wars was filmed. The family set out on the perilous 300-mile journey in a rented compact sedan!

But Coombs' biggest blunder came a few hours out of Sousse, when he chose to take a "short cut" and turned off the paved road onto a trail made by tanks in World War 2. After a few more hours of driving, the car became hopelessly trapped in the loose sand.

Tourist family ignored warning and went into Sahara to see where 'Star Wars' sequel was filmed

With scarcely any water between them, the family began trekking across the blistering sand toward the desert village of Douz, many miles to the west.

When night approached, Coombs sent his wife and his sons back to the car to wait for help to arrive.

"I thought it best for Jenny and the boys to go back to the car because there was a water hole next to it," the 38-year-old father said.

But it was the last time he was to see his family alive. They didn't make it back to the car.

Coombs trudged on through the night.

By dawn he had exhausted his water supply and was still miles from Douz. Then he stumbled across several Arabs riding a tractor.

"They drove me back to the car in just 90 minutes," Coombs said. "But there was no sign of Jenny and the boys.

"We pulled my car out of the sand and together we began searching for my family. But we got separated and I was stranded again when my car got a flat tire."

Coombs spent the night in a hole he dug in the sand to protect himself from a raging sandstorm.

Finally, near death after 40 hours in the desert, Coombs was again found by Arabs and taken in safety.

"They broke the news that Jenny and the boys had been found dead some distance from the car," he said. "They must have lost their way in the dark."

A Tunisian official said Coombs broke all the rules of survival in the desert in not taking an adequate supply of food and water, not having a guide, and for not using a four-wheel-drive vehicle able to travel in loose sand.

Pilot loses his cool and smacks lady with a pizza

A Navy jet pilot's cab ride came to a screeching halt when he launched a pizza in the face of a fellow passenger who demanded to be dropped off first.

Authorities in Key West, Fla., said the early morning incident occurred when Star Wars pilot Lois Beauty and her girlfriend stopped to pick up Lois Beauty and her girlfriend.

"They had all been drinking," said Kathy Woodman, a police department spokesman. "It was most logical for the three Navy men to be dropped off first, but the cab driver refused to do so."

Woodman said the pilot, carrying a cheese pizza back to the Navy base with him, "took exception to some of the things that were said during the heated exchange and the lady wound up with pizza all over her." Miss Woodman said.

Miss Beauty, who was charged with battery, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest without violence, was released from jail after posting $250 bail.

The pilot, identified as Lt. Cmdr. John Allen, 28, later decided to drop the charges, the police spokesman said.

"He was real sorry," Miss Woodman said. "He's been shooting bullets over this. It could have ruined his naval career."

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